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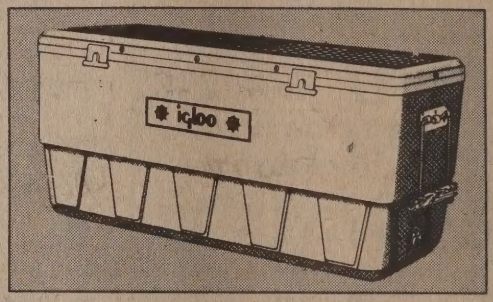

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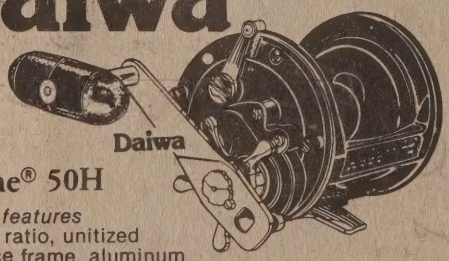

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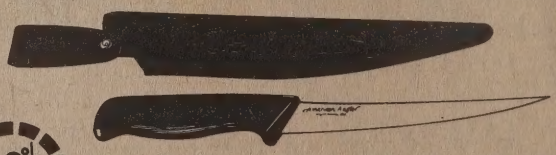

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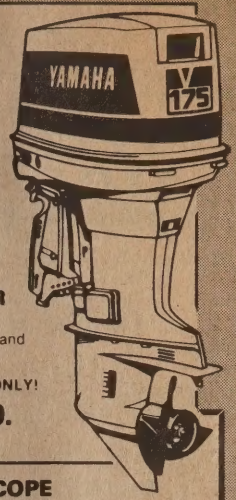

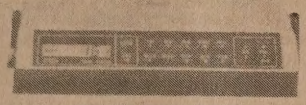

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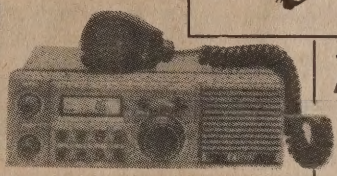

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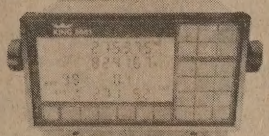

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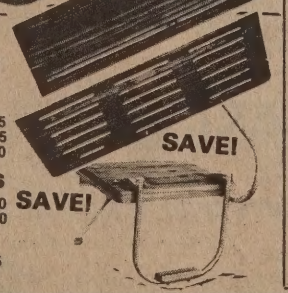

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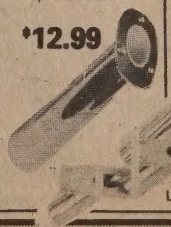

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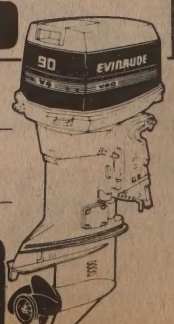

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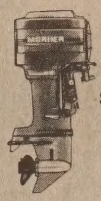

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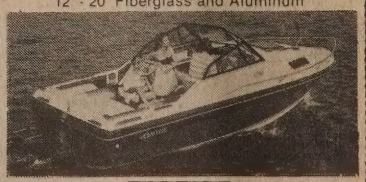

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There will be a free raffle drawing for all who attend with lots of prizes to be given away. Admittance is $10 for adults and $5 for children 16 or under and senior citizen card holders. Proceeds from the Seminar will benefit The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund. You can make advance reservations by phoning The Fisherman Office at (516) 725-4200.

PRODUCT REVIEW CORRECTION NOTICE

The Martin 71SS Saltwater Fly Reel Product Review of Issue No. 19 was written and compiled by Jim White, not Pete Barrett. Our apologies to Jim and for any inconvenience it may have caused.

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A workshop entitled "Eelgrass Transplanting Workshop" will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd, from 1PM to 5PM at the Suffolk County Community College, Speonk Campus in Riverhead, New York. This course is designed to give reliable, how-to information on the importance of eelgrass to the marine environment and in methods whereby it might be transplanted in order to re-establish a seagrass meadow. Experts from up and down the East Coast will be giving presentations on the various aspects of transplanting eelgrass, including site selection, transplanting techniques and ways to monitor what is transplanted. These speakers include Dr. Bob Orth, Assistant Director of the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences, Mark Fonseca, Ecologist with the National Marine Fisheries Service in Beaufort, North Carolina and a recognized expert in eelgrass transplanting, and Dr. Bill Dennison of the Marine Sciences Research Center at Stony Brook. Also, Gregg Rivara and Christopher Smith of the Suffolk County Marine Program will be present with information and literature of interest to resource managers, town officials and marine scientists. The costs for this workshop are being defrayed by the Suffolk County Cooperative Extension Marine Program.

For more information contact the Marine Program Office at (516) 727-3910.

SURFSIDE 3 TUNA CLUB OPEN HOUSE

Surfside III Tuna Club will hold an open house on May 21st, 8:30 at The Harbor House Restaurant on Maple Avenue, Bay Shore. We will have at the meeting, fluke expert Charlie Nappi. The public is welcome.

SHARK HUNT ANNOUNCED BY MONTAUK MARINE BASIN

Anticipating a very early and explosive shark season in Eastern Long Island waters, the Montauk Marine Basin has announced that its 17th annual Shark Tag Tournament will be held the weekend of June 27th and 28th, with a gala celebration to kick off the event on Friday evening, the 26th.

The Tournament will offer a total purse of $25,000 in cash prizes, the largest in its history. The early date was determined by a pattern of excellent early shark seasons in recent years and primarily to the outcome of our 1986 Tournament.

The Montauk Marine Basin is setting a conservation oriented tone for this year's tournament, encouraging entrants to tag and release all but the largest sharks. "We want to put an end to the senseless slaughter of large numbers of sharks," says the Marine Basin's Carl Darenberg, Jr. "By communicating with our radio control boat, fishermen will be able to get up-to-the-minute information on the largest sharks boated up to that point in the tournament. This will allow them to make reasoned judgments about releasing any smaller fish."

Prizes for this year's tournament will be $12,000 for the largest mako; $8,000 for the largest shark of any species and $5,000 for the largest blue shark. Under this prize structure a very large mako could capture two out of three categories, sending the angler home with as much as $20,000 in prize money. In addition, smaller cash and tackle awards will be made in special categories.

The $500 per vessel entry fee for this year's Shark Tag Tournament includes one can of chum and one slab of bait per day. Our registration cut-off date will be June 15th.

Due to the overwhelming response to our Kick Off celebration last year, our "Tex Mex Barbecue and Cocktail Party" this year will have a charge of $10 per person.

Darenberg adds that the early tournament date will offer the advantage of greater availability and lower prices for local overnight accommodations

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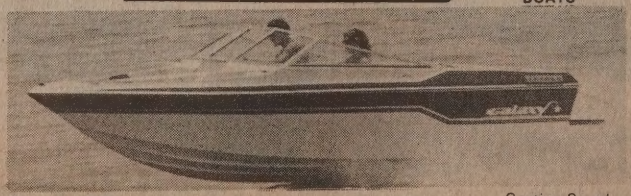

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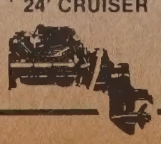

which can be scarce and expensive later in the summer season. The tournament is open to both individual anglers and clubs, fishing from private or charter boats. A full range of charter facilities are available by reservation at the Montauk Marine Basin.

This year's Shark Tag Tournament will receive national media coverage in Tournament Digest and other prominent outdoor publications.

For further information and entry forms, contact Carl Darenberg, Jr., at the Montauk Marine Basin, Inc., West Lake Drive, Montauk, New York 11954; (516) 668-5900.

SURFCASTER ADDS A POST OFFICE BOX

The mail order company, The Surfcaster in Darien, CT, has recently been required to open a post office box by the Postal Service. The Postal Service computers during the month of April malfunctioned and rejected all incoming mail and sent it back to the sender. The problem has apparently been fixed.

The new address is: The Surfcaster, 113 Maywood Road, P.O. Box 1731, Darien, CT 06820-1731. If you order or mail was sent back, you should be able to resubmit them now. You will be reimbursed for second mailing costs.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS FOR ANGLERS

"Handling Your Catch" and "Guide to Freshwater Fishes of New York" are two Cornell Cooperative Extension publications that are useful to both experienced and beginner anglers.

"Handling Your Catch" includes basic fishing handling so the successful angler can bring home edible fish. A section on how fish change after they are caught tells you why you must do what to maintain the safety and quality of your catch. Temperature control, bleeding and gutting, and stowing your catch are covered. (The basic information applies to both freshwater and saltwater fish.) The second section gives habitat and identification advice on saltwater species. The photographs on cleaning and filleting is useful to anyone who buys fish whole for home preparation and cooking.

"Guide to Freshwater Fishes of New York" is a popular, pocket-size field guide useful to scouts and naturalists for observation as well as to anglers for positive identification. This can be especially useful when fishing in unfamiliar waters where there's a chance that misidentification could result in a violation of regulations.

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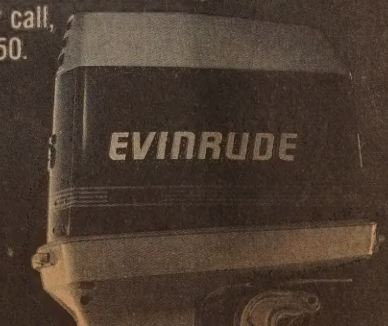

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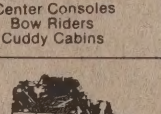
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and "Guide to Fresh Water Fishes of New York" ($2.50) are available from the Cornell University Distribution Center, 7 Research Park, Ithaca, New York 14850. The per copy cost includes shipping and handling.

PULASKI SALMON RUN IS BIG BUSINESS

How much can sport fishing mean to one small village? "Plenty," say two New York State University College at Oswego economists.

In a study on the effects of sport fishing o the village of Pulaski, the two researchers found that in 1984 the thousands of anglers who participated in the annual salmon run contributed over $10.9 million to local businesses.

The report also showed that sport fishing is the area's biggest employer, with most of its "fishing intensive" businesses formed since 1973 when the state began a large scale salmonid stocking program in the Salmon River.

"The sport fishing industry is much more important to the Pulaski area than it has been given credit for," says Dr. J. David Bowman, principal investigator for the project. "This study proved that the sport fishing industry, taken as a whole, is the biggest employer in the area."

While the fishing intensive firms employ fewer full time employees than other businesses, they hire more part time help and attribute at least half their employment to the sport fishing business. Including the remaining firms, which do not depend primarily on sport fishing, a total of 188 full time and 238 part time jobs may result from sport fishing in the Pulaski area.

Other major indicators of economic impact are capital expenditures and square feet of facilities. Both of these indicators have grown rapidly since 1973, with over $2.5 million in expenditures attributed to sport fishing. Future expansions are expected to run an additional $1.3 million. The 1984 multiplier effect of the area's sport fishing was 1.58. That means for every dollar spent by sport fishing customers, $1.58 was actually generated for the local economy.

ADULT BOATING SAFETY COURSE OFFERED BY FLOTILLA 12-5

Flotilla 12-5, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, College Point Unit, is offering a June, 1987 Basic Seamanship and Boating Safety Course for adults 18 and over. The course will be comprised of 6 lessons plus an optional certification test.

The course will start on Tuesday, June 2nd, 7:30PM sharp—and will be held each Tuesday thereafter, June 9, 16, 23, 30. It will be held at Flotilla 12-5's headquarters in the Mayers Boatyard Marina, 20-08 119th Street, College Point, NY. The Marina is at the foot of 20th Avenue.

A donation to cover expenses will be $17.50 per person plus required course book $7.50; both payable at time of registration, June 2nd, starting at 7PM. You will be entitled to attend our fall, 1987 13-lesson course for additional classes at no extra charge.

Flotilla 12-5 has been offering these courses for the past 30 years and has U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors who are highly qualified. The sessions will have both lecture periods and visual aid back-ups to make each evening's subject more interesting.

The Course is programmed for both new and aspiring boaters as well as boatowners seeking a well grounded education in safety, boat handling and basic seamanship. A special emphasis is placed on the knowledge of safe boating for enjoyment. For further information contact the Public Education Officer, Ron Werner, after 6PM, (718) 762-5490.

IMPERIAL IMMERSION SUITS WIN COAST GUARD APPROVAL

Imperial was one of the first manufacturers of Immersion Suits to receive the approval of the U.S. Coast Guard this spring for revised safety requirements set up in compliance with IMO/SOLAS 74/83 standards which became effective in July, 1986. The Coast Guard published new testing procedures for these cold water immersion suits in the Federal Register in January, 1987 and amended its rule-making in April, 1987 with certain strength and temperature provisions. The Coast Guard requirements bring the U.S. rules into line with the treaty with respect to nomenclature, test subjects, donning over clothing, flame and oil exposure, impact resistance, water ingress, hand dexterity after immersion in cold water, freeboard and righting.

The Imperial suits, the only suits manufactured in the United States to have passed Norwegian Maritime Directorate standards, the most stringent in the world, have also passed that country's revised standards.

Imperial has worked closely with various governing bodies, including the Coast Guard and Underwriters Laboratory, in testing and developing safe standards for exposure suits for many years. The first significant effort to produce suits for cold water survival came in the late 1960s when Gunnar Guddal, the owner of a synthetic molding factory in Seattle, working with several others in the Bremerton, Washington area, designed the adult standard neoprene Imperial survival suit which has saved more lives than any other. Today, Guddal serves as design consultant to Imperial and operates Neptune Safety Service, in Ballard, Washington, for inspection and repair of the Imperial suits.

Mergin with Parkway, a leading producer of recreational wetsuits and equipment for diving and other water sports, Imperial has moved its headquarters and manufacturing facilities to South Amboy, New Jersey, last

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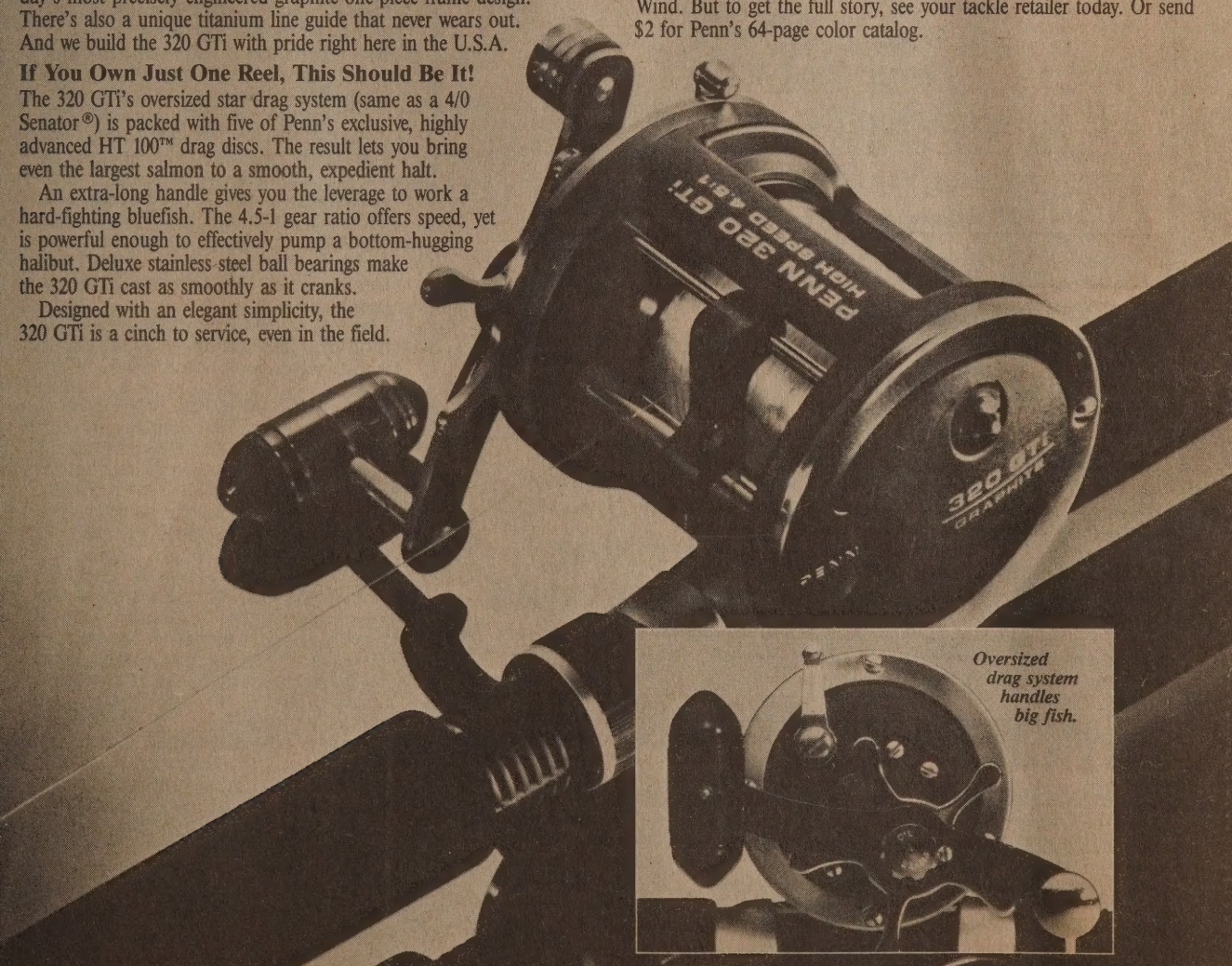

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summer. Well-known in the industry as the number one producer of immersion suits—supplying well over half the suits used in the United States—Imperial also manufactures high-quality fishing waders and accessories.

"We're thrilled with the production efficiencies created when we combined our recreational and offshore marine operations," said Frank Sanger, President of Parkway/Imperial. "We are developing a number of innovative features for new designs and we have a high level of team expertise to meet sales and production needs for worldwide distribution."

One recently emerging issue Sanger said he wanted to clarify is an accident, occuring prior to Parkway's affiliation with Imperial, in which an inflator hose became detached from the high-rider buoyancy collar of an Imperial suit. Aquanautics of San Francisco, California, the parent of Imperial during the time of the accident, has been asked by Coast Guard to make retrofit kits available with reinforcing fasteners for those hoses for certain suits produced prior to 1980. In fact, Aquanautics has placed ads to help inform fishermen of the availability of these kits.

"While this is Aquanautic's responsibility, whenever possible, we have been explaining that anyone who has an Imperial 1409 suit, manufactured between 1975 and March of 1980, should inspect the suit to make sure hose connections are secure on the buoyancy collar. If they have any question, they should write to Aquanautics for the kit.

Parkway purchased Imperial in March of 1985, five years after the inflation device was redesigned.

MARKETING YOUR CHARGER BOAT ENTERPRISE

"Building a charter business is tough work," according to the author of a new Cornell Cooperative Extension publication, "Marketing Your Charter Boat Enterprise: Putting Relationships to Work."

Bruce DeYoung is a program coordinator of the New York State Sea Grant Extension Program, Cornell University Laboratory. He wrote this 21-page publication to help owners of charter boat enterprises make their business grow and thrive. "This growth" according to DeYoung, "benefits the fishing industry, the boating industry, the hospitality and tourist industry and consumers."

DeYoung covers such topics as what makes clients loyal, the role of staff in making your business thrive, clients' criteria for satisfaction, using excess capacity to build relationships, innovative lures and teaming up with complementary businesses to provide even more services and customer satisfaction.

Included in the publication are tables listing various motivations to take a charter boat trip, the size of the catch needed to satisfy clients and a checklist for charter boat owners to

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CATALOG PRESENTS VIDEO LIBRARY

Bennett Marine Video of Marina del Rey, California now offers an 8-page catalog of its extensive library of video tapes. Due to public demand the number of tapes available has grown rapidly so that the catalog offers a quick reference of over 100 titles.

Available in both VHS and beta formats, the tapes run the gamut of history, specific "how to's" and informative demonstrations. The topics cover such diverse subjects as navigation, sailboat selection, boat building, boat handling, fishing, sailing and power boats, racing, adventures, safety, scuba diving and more. Several tapes discussing various aspects of the America's Cup and the Odyssey series and the Undersea World series of Jacques Cousteau are also featured.

The tapes offer a glimpse or a plunge into marine activities. They provide relaxation or excitement depending on the selection. The catalog clearly depicts the varied topics available for the professional and amateur alike.

The catalog may be obtained by contacting Bennett Marine Video, 730 Washington St., Marina del Rey, CA 90292; (213) 821-3329. The leaflet is available at no charge.

NEW CAMPING GUIDE AIMED AT FISHERMEN

For all those campers who fish and fishermen who camp, there is now a travel directory that has combined the interests of both: Rand McNally's *Camping for Fishermen*.

The new book lists all public and private campgrounds in the United States and Canada that offer fishing. In addition, it provides information that can be especially useful to fishermen, such as: access to rivers, lakes and oceans; boat rental; docking and launching facilities; full service marina nearby; and elevation levels.

Camping for Fishermen also gives all state fishing and hunting license fees, toll road information, climate data for all states and major cities and a "National Parks and Monuments' chart that lists types of accommodations, facilities and activities for most of the 337 units administered by the National Park Service. Full color Rand McNally road maps are also included.

The book is in two regional volumes: one for the Eastern U.S. and Canada (ISBN: 0-528-84719-8) and one for the Western U.S. and Canada (0-528-84721-X). For more information, contact Joyce Hodel, Public Relations Coordinator, (312) 673-9100 X2296.

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Aside from the informative aspects of the calendar, the quality of the graphics and printing make this an eye-catching piece. As a unique gift idea for family, friends or business associates, The Lifetime Fish Calendar appeals not only to fishermen, but to the whole marine, gift and souvenir market.

For more information, contact Fish Calendar, SMRT, P.O. Box 531 Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

FEDERAL SPORT FISH AND WILDLIFE APPORTIONMENT NEARS QUARTER-BILLION LEVEL

States will receive a record $248 million in Federal aid funds for sport fish and wildlife restoration for fiscal year 1987, Secretary of the Interior Don Hodel announced today.

The funds are distributed to States, Commonwealths, Territories, and the District of Columbia to finance programs beneficial to sport fish and wildlife resources under the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, commonly known as the "Dingell/Johnson" program.

States will receive $140 million for sport fish restoration projects under the Dingell/Johnson program. Much of this money comes from excise taxes on fishing equipment (base funds). Legislation in 1984 created the "Wallop-Breaux" expansion program, significantly increasing the funding sources for sport fish restoration by including a share of motorboat fuel taxes, import taxes on imported fishing equipment and pleasure boats, and excise taxes on previously untaxed fishing equipment (expanded funds).

Typical projects funded through the Sport Fish Restoration Program are development or improvement of public access facilities, acquisition of lakes or other public access areas for fishing, improvement of fish habitat, and fishery research. Under the Wallop-Breaux amendment, states are required to obligate at least 10 percent of their annual apportionment for motorboat access. In addition, they may obligate up to 10 percent for aquatic resources education programs. Coastal states are required to allocate new revenues to marine and freshwater projects proportional to the number of coastal and freshwater anglers estimated to reside in the stae.

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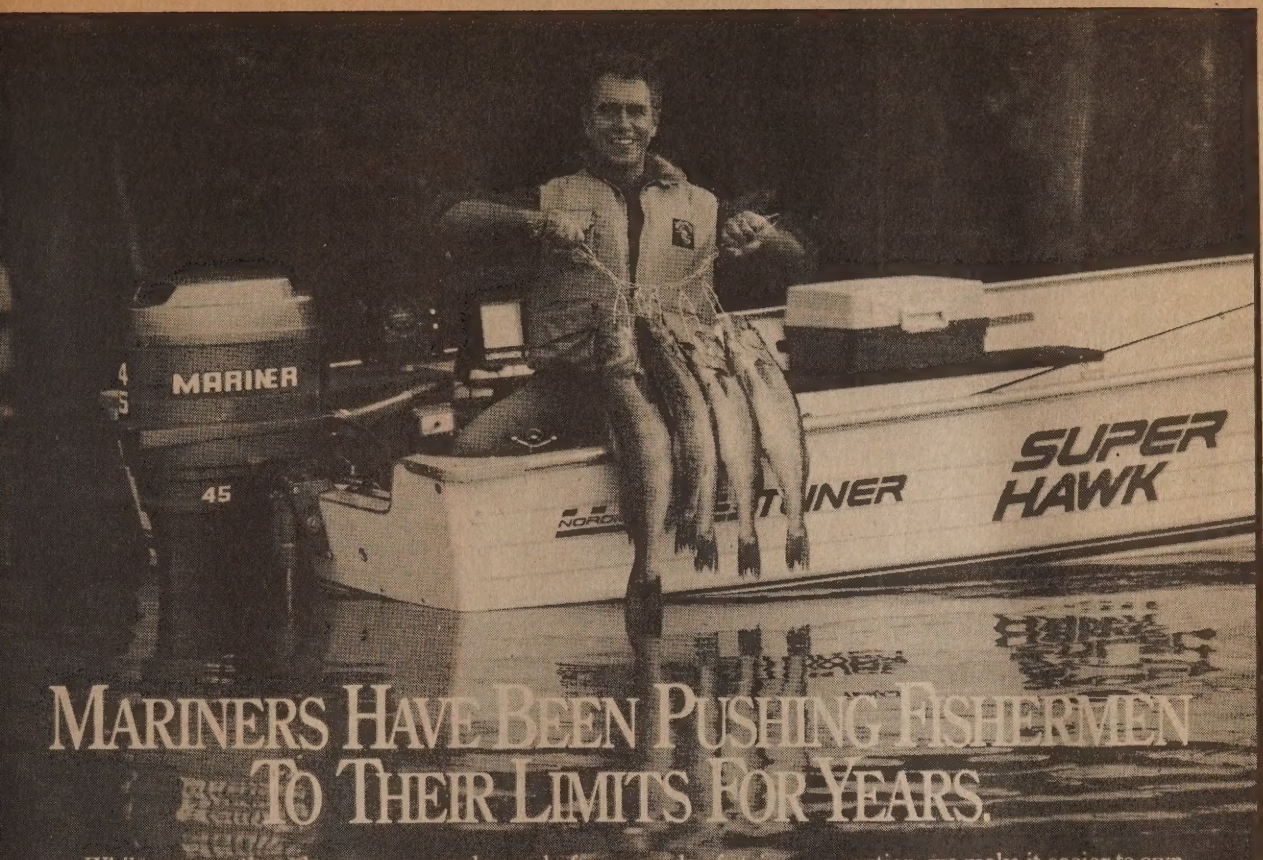

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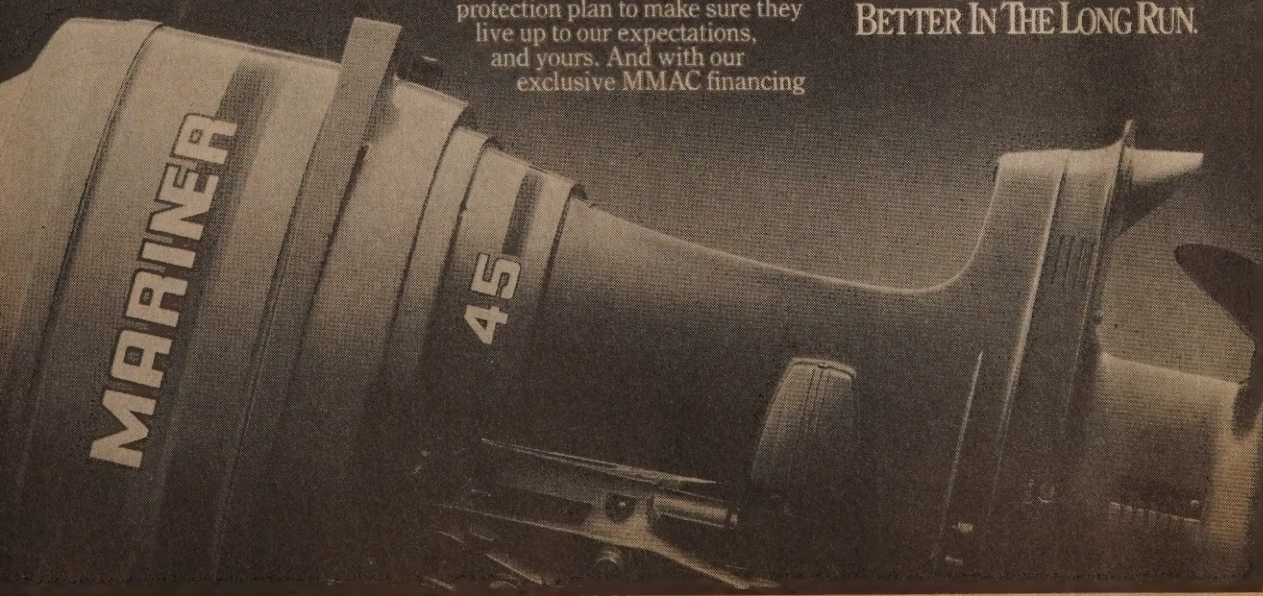

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Ed and Frank Murray have been busy this past winter testing and perfecting new lures. They recently introduced two more lures to their tuna and billfish selection. Both have been extensively tested by fishermen in the Bahamas and Florida and are now ready for battle with tunas and marlin at the Northeast Canyons this summer.

The jet head lure is heavily chromed over brass and is available in two sizes. The lures track straight and trail plumes of jet-like bubbles at a variety of trolling speeds depending on sea conditions. The skirts are double-layered with the outside skirt made of the lastest sculptured finish for tangle free lures that don't wrap around the hooks. A pair of mylar strands down each side of the lure add extra flash and fish appeal.

The Exterminator is a high impact foam lure that resembles a bait fish in silhouette and which swims just below the surface. It has been a killer on wahoo and yellowfin tuna for several boats fishing from Palm Beach to Matanilla off Walkers Cay and promises to be a red hot number up North. The Exterminator can be trolled as any other lure or it can be dropped down deep off a downrigger for bigeyes.

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For more information about Murray Brothers tuna and billfish lures, write to Ed and Frank Murray, c/o Murray Brothers, 207 East Blue Heron Blvd., Riviera Beach, FL 33404, or call (305) 845-1043.

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Eight Shakespeare Graphite fly rods are available from a 7' for No. 4/No. 5 line perfect for small streams, to a 9' for No. 9/No. 10 line and saltwater use.

For more information on Shakespeare Graphite fly rods, contact Paul Towler, Promotions Manager, P.O. Drawer S, Columbia, SC 29260; (803) 754-7540.

INTRODUCING THE 1987 SPEEDMASTER WITH ITS 6:1 GEAR RATIO: FASTEST IN THE WORLD

Shimano Fishing Tackle has unveiled its newest entry in the saltwater reel market: the Triton SpeedMaster.

The new reel, available in two models, features a 6:1 gear ratio, the fastest ever in a fishing reel, and a new spool design, which aids in the amount of line retrieved per crank.

Anglers will appreciate the fast retrieve. Until now, they have had to rely on lure action to excite game fish into a strike. With SpeedMaster's rapid retrieve, anglers can improve their chances of a strike by mimicking the speed of a fleeing baitfish with their lure.

For those anglers bottom fishing in deep water, the SpeedMaster's fast retrieve will give them more time fishing and less time cranking in the line.

Russ Johnson, communications manager for Shimano, said "It's really how much line is spooled per crank that makes the difference. SpeedMaster's gear ratio, along with the improved spool design, enables the angler to gather in an astounding 40.8 inches of line per crank on the SpeedMaster III, and 44.5 inches of line per crank on the SpeedMaster IV."

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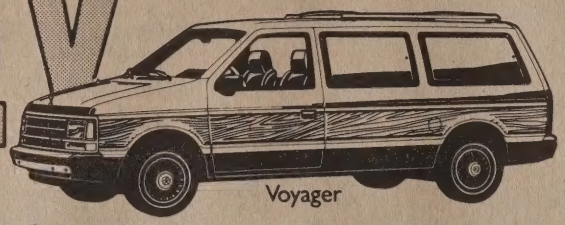

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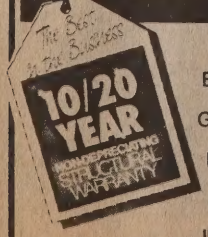

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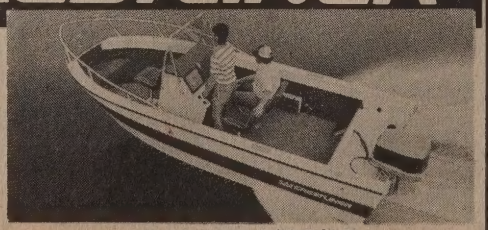

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In addition, Shimano has new Graphite composite Triton Saltwater Rods designed to work with the SpeedMaster Reels.

CALKINS OFFERS HOME ASSEMBLY BOAT TRAILER

A new concept in lightweight boat trailers is now offered by Calkins Manufacturing. It is called the "Z" trailer.

The new "Z" Trailer is packaged in a compact 23" x 82" x 7" box. It can easily be assembled at home in about 30 minutes. The only tools required are a crescent wrench, pliers and a lug wrench for the tires. Because it's sold unassembled, it sports a very reasonable price tag.

Weighing a light 175 lbs., the "Z" Trailer can be purchased and put in the back of a compact station wagon or the trunk and easily taken home to be assembled.

The "Z" Trailer can accommodate boats to 13' 6" in length with a maximum weikght of 450 lbs. Its standard adjustable bunks fit most hull designs, safely cradling the boat for stable, secure transport.

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The "Z" Trailer offers a new approach to the transport of small boats: safe, lightweight, sturdy construction at a reasonable price because it's assembled at home.

Approximate retail price of the new Calkins "Z" Trailer is $365.

From Calkins Mfg. Co., P.O. Box 14627, Spokane, WA 99214.

NEW FISH-ON! ROD HOLDER DESIGN ACCOMMODATES TRIGGER-STYLE FISHING RODS

Tempress Inc. has announced a major upgrade to their well known *Fish-On!* Rod Holder. The new design features a recessed area to accommodate trigger-style rods that are now popular in many casting, spinning and pistol-grip models.

This refinement is in direct response to important feedback from Tempress' sport fishing customers which help the company to ensure its products are compatible and integrated with new developments in rod and reel technology. Most importantly, when combined with the Fish-On! Rod Holder's unique open top design, these features allow easy rod removal in a single, slack-free, hook setting motion.

Manufactured from corrosion-free materials, the Fish-On! Rod Holder is fully adjustable to any of 5 vertical and 12 lateral positions for total trolling flexibility.

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From Tempress Inc., 701 S. Orchard, Seattle, WA 98108.

STARCRAFT OFFERS NEW HARDTOP OPTION

Starcraft has redesigned a hardtop for four of its larger aluminum cruisers.

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For more information, write: Starcraft, Dept. F., Goshen, IN 46526.

SO-LO MARINE'S NEW STOW-A-WAY STORES LURES COMPACT AND SAFELY

So-Lo Marine announces the addition of the new "Stow-A-Way" to its growing line of quality fishing products. Practical simplicity is the key to this one-piece molded plastic lure holder. The unique design of the Stow-A-Way allows you to stow your lures, single or double hooks, large or small, compact and safety.

"It's quick and simple to use. Just insert the hook (or hooks) in the hook slot, wind up your leader and stick the leader swivel through one of the leader holes. It's that easy," said Mr. Bob Hawie, President of So-Lo Marine. "No more tangled leaders, no more dangerous exposed hooks."

The Stow-A-Way holds jigs, spoons, feathers, spinners, tuna plugs, billfish lures, daisy chains and natural bait rigs. A must for all artificials, the Stow-A-Way is available in 7, 9 or 11 lengths. You can "stow a handful" of lures tangle free in a tackle box, drawer or even a bag. The Stow-A-Way is made in the United States and has a suggested retail price of $4 fjor the 7", $4.30 for the 9" and $4.60 for the 11" model.

For further information, contact So-Lo Marine Products, P.O. Box 877, Bridgeport, CT 06601; (203) 336-2700.

MICROTRAC 2800 FROM IMPULSE TECHNOLOGY

Addressing the needs of anglers who want more in their LCD graphs than just fish finding capabilities, Impulse Technology introduces the Microtrac 2800 with a multi-functional instrument screen.

A second screen mode on the Microtrac 2800 displays a digital depth and speed readout, distance logged and a temperature graph with digital temperature readout. The temperature graph and digital temperature readout plots the water temperature over time, clearly showing where the temperature drops over deep holes or currents, and how far back they are so the angler can easily return.

To guide the new owner, the Microtrac 2800 features a "HELP" screen mode to easily operate the unit, so he can leave the owner's manual in the box.

The fish finding capabilities of the Microtrac 2800 include a totally automatic operation which will track the bottom to any depth with the touch of one key. The one touch zoom feature allows four different zoom functions in six different depth ranges, down to a maximum of 480 feet. A five inch liquid crystal display screen provides high contrast and resolution for clearer, more defined images. The Fineline bottom separation feature enhances targets sitting on the bottom for easy visibility on the screen.

Ideal for open fishing boats where extremely bright conditions can be present, the Microtrac 2800 also features electro-luminescent back lighting for excellent night fishing viewing.

The Microtrac 2800's horizontal screen has an overall pixel count of 20,480, with 1,795 pixels per square inch, making it one of the most detailed screen dispalys available. Pixels are the dots that make up the images on the screen. All the functions of the unit are handled with only 12 keys.

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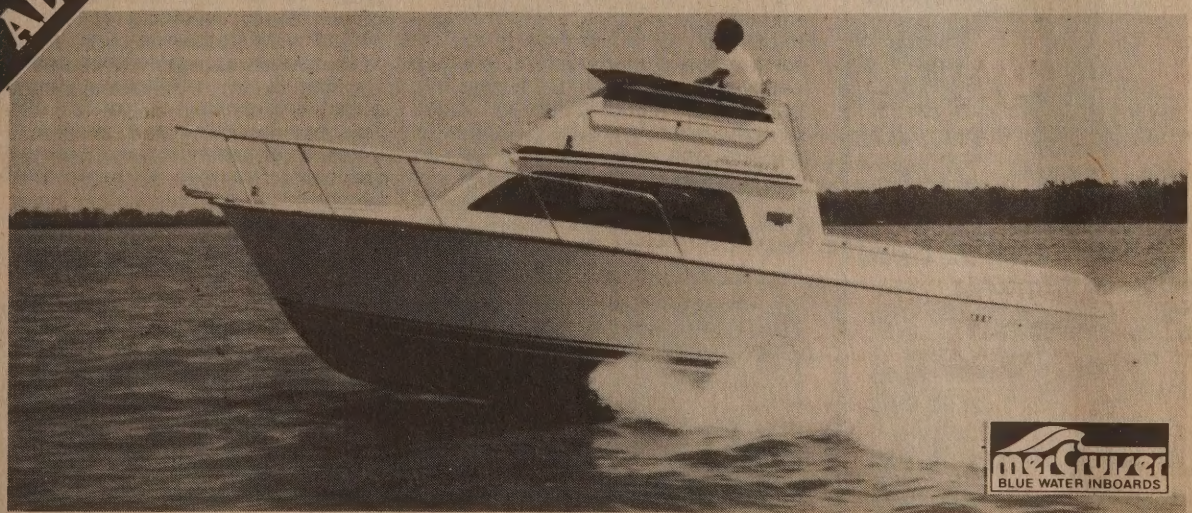

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Boats For Anglers

SEA OX 230 CENTER CONSOLE

by John Raguso

Sea Ox boats have made an impressive mark in the Northeast coastal areas these last few years. The Greenville, North Carolina builder has been in operation for about a decade now and it looks as if their line-up is finally starting to catch on with those who take their fishing seriously.

The basic hull measures 23 feet in length by an 8 foot beam, and these genetics are shared by both the 230 Center Console and also her cousin, the 230 Walkaround Cuddy. Transom deadrise is a modest 14 degrees, so this hull would fall under the modified Vee category.

Since the heart of any center console is the layout of the command center, this was the area of my initial concentation for our review.

Weather-protected electronics storage is provided for by a trio of recessed and plexi-enclosed cabinets that should satisfy the demands of the majority of inshore and offshore enthusiasts. The center shelf will house even the largest of comptuer graph chart recorders and measures 13" wide by 12" high x 10" deep. There are pop-out panels to either side of this cabinet that will allow you to mount a full array of gauges to monitor your engines' performance, if twins are your preference. If you opt for a single V6 powerplant, you can easily convert one of these areas into an enclosed Loran C storage locker by removing the plastic gauge panel and securing your machine in the new found space, that will also allow you to read the TDs through its smoked plexi screen. A large locker underneath the steering wheel is accessed via a hinged teak door, and is just the ticket for an out-of-the-way VHF and CB radio installation.

The Sea Ox folks didn't forget about tackle storage on this middleweight and you will find enclosed and recessed leader storage cabinets both on the port and starboard side of the console. Additionally, there is an arrangement of four tackle trays for all your sinkers, hooks and other goodies under the leader rack to port, and a large teak door to enable you to enter the inner workings of the console for storage and rigging. Single cylinder mechanical Teleflex steering is standard, connected to a stainless steel destroyer-type steering wheel, but you'd probably be better off going for the optional dual cable or hydraulic systems for reliability.

Moving to the forward casting platforms, the Sea Ox designers have built in a lockable rod storage compartment that will enable you to house a quartet of 6½ foot sticks in relative security. There is enough room to place life jackets and other safety equipment underneath, and should water get into this area past the raised drainage channels, it will drain into the bilge. This was the only box of any kind I could find that did drain into this restricted area and all other boxes, including a pair of 52"x14"x12" insulated fish boxes, drain overboard, where they should. The Sea Ox engineers have planned ahead and provide access via Pyhi-type circular hatches to enable the owner to monitor the condition of all overboard fittings, a good safety touch.

Looking aft, there's a rounded-corner 27 gal. livewell under the cockpit sole behind the helm chairs. I wasn't

overwhelmed by the access arrangement, which is via a removable teak hatch in a slightly raised fiberglass insert. This is a potential toe-stubber in a critical area and there's always the danger of stepping into the box and jamming a shin should someone forget to put the lid back on. Since this is a modular section of the boat, I'd love to see the design team rethink this well and come up with a flush door arrangement with some sort of recessed hinged fiberglass lid.

The 230's two-piece construction (hull and liner/deck) normally would prohibit using the spaces under the covering boards to fullest capacity, but a unique arrangement turns this into an advantage. The liner is sculpted to provide recessed horizontal rod storage for a pair of offshore sticks on each side. A teak covering board allows the use of standard flush mounted rod holders without the worry of rain or sea water draining down this opening into the bilge, which is the case on many other competitive two-piece craft.

From a performance standpoint, this Ox can run like a deer with minimum horses bolted to the transom. My old 230 Walkaround was powered by a single 150 hp Mariner V6, with a 25 hp kicker (remember, two motors are essential for offshore safety!). I could approach 37 to 38 MPH with this rig on the top end, loaded with a full tank of fuel and three anglers. Since the 230 CC is a few hundred pounds lighter with its open deck layout, you might be able to squeeze a few extra MPH at full throttle. However, expect to cruise at approximately 23 to 25 MPH at 4,000 RPM, which is about where your optimum speed/fuel consumption relationship should be. I know that many of you will be tempted to go with a big 220 or 225 hp V6, but you really don't need any more than a 175 hp mill on this fuel-efficient hull. You can slam this rig in a head sea if you try to proceed from point A to point B too quickly. A set of 12"x9" Boat Leveler or Bennett trim tabs should help you keep the Sea Ox's sharper bow entry into the sea to maximize your comfort level while under way.

In retrospect, Graham Flannagan has brought a fairly interesting boat to the marketplace with his 230 Center Console. His company has come a long way from the "good ole days" and this is relfected in the higher price tag of his new stable of oxen. But like anything else, you get what you pay for, and the 230 CC is no exception to this rule.

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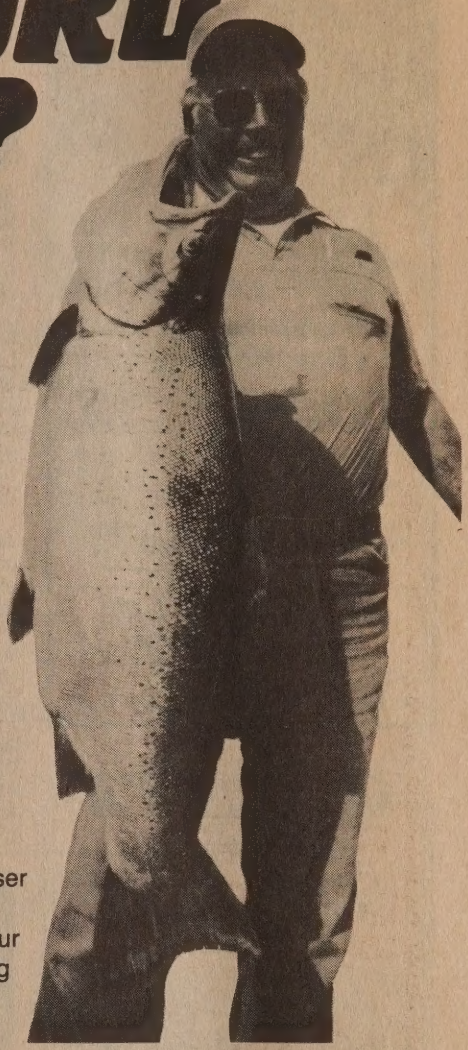

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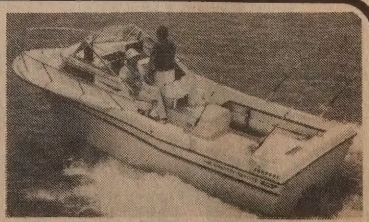

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Product Review

SHIMANO SPEED MASTER REELS

by Jim White

Shimano is again one of the leading innovators of the tackle industry by introducing the highest speed reel available on the market today: the new Speed Master.

While testing a Custom-X Speed Master last season, I found it to be just as good and maybe better than last year's 4000 with the Fightin-Drag. The extra high speed made controlling the retrieve of a plug a lot easier, especially when a strong wind and tide was running at you or blowing in your face.

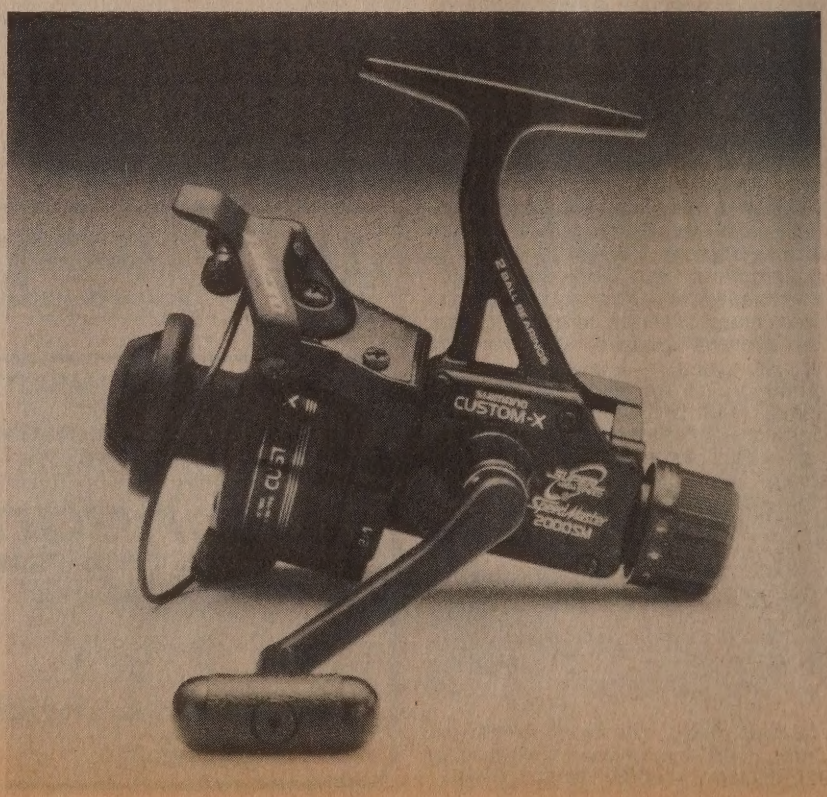
I found it helped to keep that bow out of your line that you get when casting into a wind. I liked that especially at night when you rely so much more on feel and not on sight.

The drag performed admirably when fish were hooked. If there's one thing I can't stand it is a reel with a poor drag that binds or grabs on the initial run of a big fish. Not only is it aggravating, but it also can cost you a big fish when it happens. The Speed Master's drag was always silky smooth, even on fast blistering runs of hefty sized bluefish. Drag settings are controlled with a large knob at the rear of the housing.

Shimano's Custom-X Speed Master spinning reels series for 1987 offers five freshwater and two saltwater models with the fastest gear ratios so far produced in a spinning reel.

The freshwater models feature a 6.2:1 gear ratio and the saltwater models boast a world-beating 5.8:1 gear ratio.

Any saltwater angler who has ever stalked large game fish knows how important presentation of the bait is. Anglers have tried nearly every trick in the book to entice game fish to strike. They've used the right baits, fished the right water, fished the right time of year and even troll their boats faster. In spite of all this, they've not been able to utilize the one important ingredient missing from their fishing: speed, the sort of speed that a baitfish uses when it is being attacked, which is the sort of speed that will make a game fish strike. When a predatory game fish decides to make the bait its breakfast, the reaction of the baitfish is to flee for its life. Previous-



ly, anglers have not been able to imitate this speed and entice a game fish with realistic "get up and go" bait speed.

For freshwater anglers, speed is just as important. A faster retrieve means that more water can be fished, and more lure presentations can be made in the same amount of time. Anyone fishing the surf, a stream or river with a fast current knows how hard it has been to retrieve and make the lure work right. Hook sets will be better, too, because a faster response will enable more hook sets before the fish can spit the lure out. For a tournament angler, more casts can mean the difference between winning or losing.

Long life features of the Custom-X series include two stainless steel ball bearings for smoothness of operation and durability, Graphite/Titanium spools, bodies, and rotors which are totally non-corrosive and Shimano's legendary Super Gears. And the exclusive No-Fail-Bail guarantees that there will never be a broken bail spring, long a complaint among spinning anglers. Ever since Shimano introduced its No-Fail-Bail, there has never been a warranty claim for a broken bail spring. That is amazing, but true.

The self-centering QuickFire 2 bail trigger is easy to reach and open allowing the angler to set up his cast quickly. Just a turn of the handle brings the bail trigger into position. This feature is only available on the freshwater models.

Shimano also includes an extra pushbutton graphite spool on all models except 4000SM, 5000SM and 6000SM (all light and heavy saltwater models). These are handy to keep back-up pound test lines available.

One other thing I think is worth mentioning about this high speed model, but which never seems to get too much attention is that it's a good reel for younger fishermen just learning how to surfcast and need that little bit of extra speed to make a plug work right. This summer I had noticed that under certain conditions like a running surf or a crisp wind blowing straight in, my son Justin had a hard time keeping up with line retrieve and working a plug at the same time. The Speed Master changed that and made his fishing easier.

I bought him a Custom-X 3000 High Speed and it really helped. The extra high speed made up for some of his lack of experience in dealing with that sort of situation. It didn't solve the problem totally, but it sure did help his confidence when presented with those conditions.

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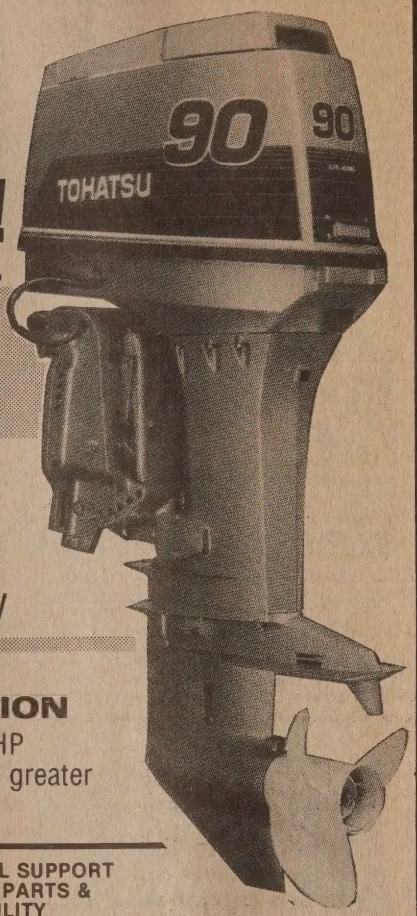

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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

Keep the letters coming, folks, as we all learn a bit from each question asked. We try to answer all the Tackle Doctor questions in The Fisherman as soon as possible, but sometimes this is just not possible In that case, I will try to answer your questions through the mail. This week's questions range from how to freeze mackerel for bait, to choosing the right surf casting rod and whether or not you will get booed for serving sea robin at the dinner table. Address your letters and questions to the Tackle Doctor c/o The Fisherman Magazine, 1622 Beaver Dam Rd., Point Pleasant, NJ 08742. Be sure to use our new address! Thanks, and good fishing!

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Dear Doc,

I have two questions that the answers to would really enhance my fishing this season. I like to prepare my own frozen chum for a whole season's worth of flounder fishing in advance. Can you tell me where I can purchase ground up clam and maybe even mussels by the gallon?

The other question is about the sea robin. The last couple of seasons the number of sea robins seems to be increasing and some are in the 1 to 2 pound class. Instead of throwing them back, can I serve this fish at the dinner table without being booed?

Michael Pagano.

Dear Mike,

The first step I would take would be to go down to the local tackle shop and ask the owner or manager if he would give you some sort of discount for buying these larger quantities of clam or mussels. If not, the price might not be too steep to make it worth your while to make up your own chum. You might just as well buy it pre-made from the tackle shop as most fishermen do.

If the local tackle shops can't help out, my next step would be to go to the closest fishing co-op that is in your area. Check the yellow pages and give each place a buzz over the phone. Even though you may be able to buy these quantities from your local tackle shop or the fish co-op you will still have to grind it up yourself.

Sea robins are another one of those fish like bergalls and dogfish that most fishermen hate to catch. The common sea robin which is found from the Bay of Fundy down to South Carolina has a large head and is covered with bony plates and spines. They appear in shallower waters during the summer and return to the deeper offshore waters during the winter months. Sea robins do not look very appetizing, to say the least. This fish, however, has a very mild and pleasant taste which most people will never know about because they throw them back.

The problem with these fish is you don't get much "meat" from each fish. If you catch enough, though, then you can salvage a meal, or you may want to have a smorgasbord of fluke and sea robin for dinner. To get the fillets, just slice down each side from the gill plate to the tail. You may still get booed at the dinner table until your family takes a taste of what is a good tasting fish. Try some and decide for yourself.

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Dear Doc,

I am planning to take a couple of mackerel trips on a party boat. I don't like the taste of mackerel because of their strong taste, but I do a lot of fluke fishing in the summer and I would like to save the mackerel for strip baits. My problem is that I don't know how to save them. I'm not sure whether I should freeze them whole or cut them up, then freeze them. I would appreciate your help. *Adam Torrine.*

Dear Adam,

It would really only be more work to cut the mackerel up and then freeze them if you are only planning on using them for bait. All you need to do is wrap the fish in a plastic bag and place them in the freezer. Then, when you are ready to use one for bait take it out and let it thaw in the bag as you make your way to your favorite fluke grounds. One or two mackerel is all you need for a good day's supply of strip baits for fluke.

Strip baits are also good for whiting, ling and sea bass. Big game shark fishermen also freeze fish such as mackerel and blues to be used at a later date for bait. Shark fishermen usually freeze 4 or 5 fish per bag because they go through a lot more bait in one day. In either case just freeze the fish whole, don't gut it or do anything else to it.

Make sure the plastic bag is sealed tight so that freezer burn does not occur. Since you'll only be using the mackerel for fluking during the summer you can probably get away with freezing only 15 to 20 fish which should last you quite some time.

Some fishermen put Kosher salt in

the bags before they freeze the whole fish. This does toughen up the bait so it doesn't get too soft and mushy when it thaws, but the salt also removes some of the good oils that make mackerel such a great fish attracting bait.

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Dear Doc,

Last year I started getting into surf casting for blues. On my birthday my brother bought me a 10 foot surf pole. During my subsequent fishing trips I found out that the pole did not have enough backbone to cast out a bunker chunk and 3 to 4 ounces of weight. This year I want to purchase a surf rod that can cast out medium size bunker chunks plus 3 to 4 ounces of weight.

I've been looking at a 9 to 10 foot Ugly Stik with medium to heavy action, but somebody told me it wouldn't be strong enough because the tip is fiberglass. I don't want to purchase the wrong rod becuase they are not cheap. The rods I am looking at are the Ugly Stik 9 foot BWS 1100 and the 10 foot BWS 2200. Thank you.

Thomas Midecker.

Dear Tom,

The rod you have now is certainly the right length for surf casting, however, by the way you've described it this rod must have a fast tapered tip action that makes a rod more whippy (and whimpy) near the top which does not allow for good casts with chunks of bait plus 3 or 4 ounce sinkers. Most heavy duty surf rods rely on a fairly stiff tip to withstand the pressures of casting heavy baits and weights. On the negative side those stiff tips don't have much sensitivity to feel the fish.

There are some rod styles which are made specifically for casting heavy sinkers and baits. One style is known as the Hatteras Heaver which has such stiff tip action that you can cast 8 to 12 ounce sinkers plus a chunk of bunker. It got its name from Cape Hatteras where many surf casters use it.

I don't know who in the world would tell you that a rod would not be strong enough because its tip is made of fiberglass!? Heck, 99 percent of all rods are made of fiberglass from butt to tip and they work quite well. A rod with a fiberglass tip will not let you down as long as you pick the right kind for the type of fishing you will be doing.

The two Ugly Stiks that you mentioned in your letter are appropriate for the kind of fishing you will be doing. Look closely at both rods and pick the one with the thicker tip as this will handle the weight and bait better.

Another "trick that veteran surf casters use if they feel their rod is too limber is to cut the tip off down to the second eye. The down side of doing this is there is no going back. If you shorten your existing rod and it then becomes too stiff, well, you're stuck with it.

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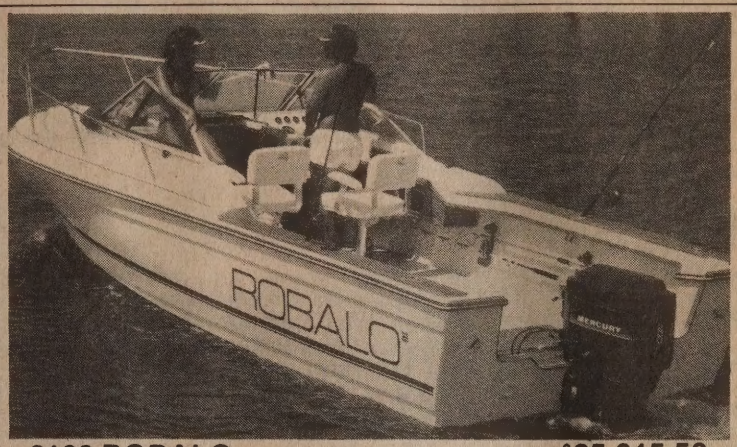

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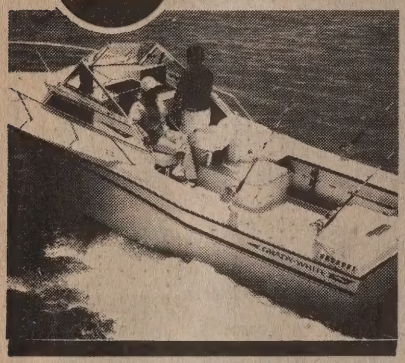

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by Eric Burnley

Dear Eric,

I listen to the NOAA weather on my VHF radio, but I wonder how accurate their forecasts are. Can I depend on them or should I listen to the TV weatherman or read the report in the local paper? *Sam Webster.*

Dear Sam,

Actually, you should do all three of the things mentioned in your letter. The NOAA weather is very accurate for a small area over a short period of time. They are especially valuable during the summer when dangerous thunderstorms can pop up at any time. They can track these storms on thrir radar and give you warnings before the storm reaches your area.

NOAA also gives you the sea condition, wind speed and direction from reporting stations throughout your area. These reports can be on shore, such as a Coast Guard Station, or at sea stations, such as the Delaware Lightship.

As for the TV weatherman, most of them are only concerned with conditions in the city they are broadcasting from and the weather in New York or Philadelphia can be considerably different than conditions in Montauk or Cape May. They do show weather maps and radar reports for a much wider area and this can often help you plan a fishing trip.

If the guy or gal on TV is forecasting a partly cloudy day with cool temperatures and a gentle breeze out of the east, you may think this would be a perfect time to run down to the ocean for some bluefishing. Then you see the weather map and radar report which show a large center of low pressure sitting off the coast. It is not close enough to cause rain or storms in the city, but you can bet it will be nasty at the beach.

The weather map and report in your local newspaper is another source of information. My paper gives the ocean water temperature and the marine weather, which my radio won't pick up at home.

If you use the TV and newspaper weather reports to plan your trip and keep a constant check on the NOAA weather radio when you are at sea you should not get too many weather surprises.

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Dear Eric,

I purchased a 21 foot boat over the winter and I would like to take it out into the ocean this summer, but I am concerned about running the inlet. I have been through on large boats and even they experienced problems with the big waves at the mouth of the inlet. How do you ever get through there with a small boat? *Richard Evans.*

Dear Richard,

The first and most important thing to keep in mind about inlets is there are times when you can't go out, there are times when you shouldn't go out and there are times when you can go out and come back with a minimum of problems. You must be the sole judge of when the time is right.

When you have favorable wind conditions the next concern will be the stage of the current. Incoming current is the best time to navigate the inlet but you can come or go during outgoing current if conditions are not too severe.

Currents change direction after the tidal change. At Indian River Inlet in Delaware the current normally changes 2 hours after the tide. If you have a low tide at Noon, the current will go slack at 2PM, then begin to move back in. You will have to check the inlet you wish to navigate to find the times of current change. Some are listed in ***Tidal Current Tables 1987, Atlantic Coast of North America****, published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA, National Ocean Service, Rockville, Maryland 20852. If your particular inlet is not included in this book you must use personal observation to determine the times of current change. You need only go up to the inlet an hour or so after a tidal change and wait until the current goes slack. Check the time of slack current against the time of the tidal change and you will have a pretty good idea of the difference. The more often you make this observation, the more accurate your time will be.*

When the current is running out of an inlet it builds a standing wave at the mouth. This is what scares the average boater and well it should. Think of these seas as surf breaking on a beach and you will have some idea of the power contained in those waves.

Going out is not difficult. You simply power through the waves allowing them to break alongside of your boat. You may encounter a problem with an open bow or tri-hull style boat because they don't cut the waves as well as a V bottom and the open bow can fill up with water if a sea breaks over the boat.

Coming back in is the most dangerous and difficult run. You must gauge the speed of the waves and match

your boat speed to them. You want to surf your boat in on the back of a wave as it breaks under you. Come in too slow and the following wave will break over your stern filling the boat with water. Come in too fast and you could pitch-pole off the crest of the wave. Both situations can result in the loss of your boat and possibly your life.

Some inlets are protected by a series of sand bars around the channel. This can add some excitement to the trip because the channel may not be straight or the sand bars may have shifted. If you use this type of inlet, I suggest a constant check of Notice to Mariners for any shift in the channel and you should be very watchful for seas that break on sand bars close to your boat.

No matter what sort of inlet you use or where it is, there is one rule you must always obey. Once you start through the inlet do not, for any reason stop or try to turn around. Cutting power will put your boat at the mercy of the seas and the sea has no mercy. It is far better to power through a bad situation than to stop in the middle of it. Trying to turn around will put you broadside to the sea and almost certain disaster.

I don't want to scare you away from the inlet, but I do want you to respect it. Millions of boaters go through inlets every year and most of them do it without incident.

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Dear Eric,

I am 42-years-old and got my first offshore boat. Last year I read your paper from front to back. Here is my question. Will you please run a weekly sea temperature map for the offshore ground. I think this will sell a lot of papers for you. *Bill Bennett.*

Dear Bill,

The Fisherman Magazine has no plans to publish a sea water temperature chart, but Captain Len Belcaro does publish such a chart twice a week for subscribers to his publication, "The Edge." You receive a complete report of offshore fishing action from New England down to Cape Hatteras. A detailed map of all the offshore temperature zones, Gulf Stream eddies and gradients plus tips on catching offshore fish from knowledgeable anglers. This report usually arrives on Wednesday and you also receive an updated temperature map later in the week.

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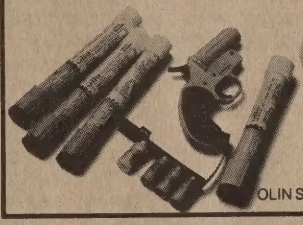

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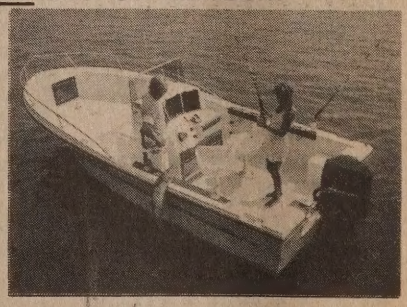

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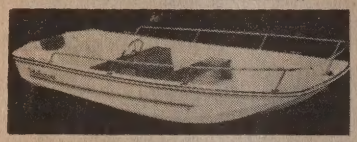

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BEACH ACCESS

by Fred Golofaro

All surf fishermen, and particularly those who ply their sport with a four wheel drive vehicle, are acutely aware of the constant threat to surf fishing access that exists in our area. While the vast majority of casters harbor dim views of what the future holds in store for mobile surfmen, there are in fact, some reasons to be encouraged by current happenings, particularly at the state level. It has become increasingly clear in recent years, that through cooperation between state, town and private organizations, access problems can be solved to the benefit of all concerned.

At a meeting I attended back on the 29th of April at State Park Headquarters in Babylon, this cooperation was very much in evidence. In attendance were Michael Asheroff, Deputy Regional Director of the Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission, Neil Ackerson, Superintendent of Robert Moses State Park and Park Commission Engineer Frank Hyland. Representing the Town of Babylon were Deputy Supervisor Gordon Canary, Director of Parks and Recreation, Ralph Rienzo and Town Attorney, Steve Shapiro. From the private sector were Bob Lucchesi, representing the Long Island Beach Buggy Association, John Fritz of the New York Sport Fishing Federation and Bill Muller as a member of the State Surf Fishing Advisory Board.

The winter season had stirred the usual concerns of further restrictions and Mother Nature had done little to cooperate as numerous storms severely damaged and shifted miles of precious beachfront. In question was vehicle access to the tip of the Cedar Beach Bar, a property shared by the State and Babylon Town, and also the State 4WD lot at Gilgo which had been littered with storm debris and had some of its vehicle barriers damaged.

It's not my intent to provide a blow by blow description of what transpired at this meeting. Rather, let's suffice to say that everyone involved shed some light on their needs, concerns and liabilities. It was obvious from the beginning that both the state and Babylon town placed considerable priority on public safety as well as serving the recreational needs of their residents. When all was said and done, the okay was given to reopen the Gilgo 4WD lot once repairs were made. It should be noted that a joint State/L.I.B.B.A. work project conducted on May 9th completed the required repairs and cleanup and the lot is now open to anyone possessing a valid State Beach Vehicle Permit.

The Cedar Beach Bar, which has extended a considerable distance to the west since last fall, will remain accessible in its entirety to both State and Babylon Town Permit holders. Access on Engineers Road will be extended south towards the Sore Thumb, providing another entrance/exit to Cedar Beach. At times of extreme high tides, the current access road was often flooded. Babylon and New York State will share the expense of patrolling this area and there will be shifts of both state and town employees manning the entrance both to check for permits and equipment. Town of Babylon Beach Vehicle Pemits will be honored by the State here.

The type of cooperation that led to these most recent decisions is something that has been nurtured over a long period of time. Many individuals have given freely of their time and energy to make things work, but they can't be expected to carry the ball alone. Among the current crop of those dedicated to preserving beach access, are Bill Miller, Executive Director of United Mobile Sportfishermen, LIBBA President, Bob Lucchesi and John Fritz. None of these men are compensated for the many hours that they spend attending meetings and fighting for beach access rights. Many of us benefit from the toils of too few.

You can do your share by being counted. If you own a beach buggy, there is no excuse for not belonging to the Long Island Beach Buggy Association and UMS. Included with LIBBA's dues, is membership in UMS. Send a check for $18 to LIBBA, P.O. Box 816, Patchogue, New York 11772. Make your check payable to LIBBA and do it today!

If you would like to become actively involved in the cooperative effort to provide continued beach access, there are two major projects on the agenda in upcoming weeks and everyone is invited to pitch in and lend a hand. On the weekend of May 30 and 31, volunteers will meet in the Oak Beach Inn parking lots at 8AM for a LIBBA sponsored snow fence project at Cedar Beach. Plans call for 750 feet of fencing to be installed.

The state has big plans for the weekend of June 6 and 7 when 1.2 miles of snow fence will be installed to help restore a stretch of dunes at Gilgo. Parking for volunteers will be permitted on the median of Ocean Parkway and food and drink will be provided by the state. Plenty of hands will be needed for this one, so let's see if we can't get some real good representation by surf fishing clubs and individuals alike.

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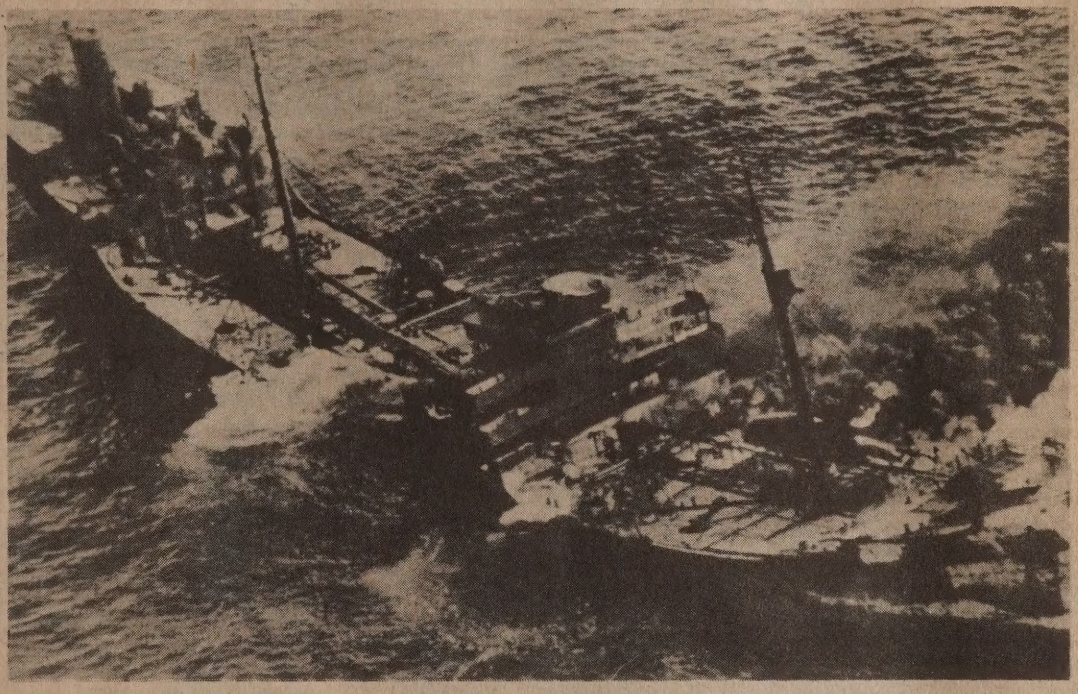

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by William A. Muller

Anglers are gearing up for this years segment of the popular Captree Fluke Derby.

It will be very hard to top the 1987 Captree Flounder Derby, but we know how you fluke fishermen feel about your sport! We had 1,228 participants in the flounder derby and lots of fun was had by all. The awards ceremony was particularly exciting this year because of the addition of Natural Light Beer and more big raffle prizes. Virtually all the raffle prizes represented rods, reels, coolers and other top-notch fishing gear.

Well, a similar array of prizes and raffle awards will be available for the Captree Fluke Derby to be held June 27 and 28, 1987. Just a reminder that due to circumstances beyond our control we had to cancel the Moriches flounder and fluke events, so if you want a shot at $500, $250 or $100, make sure to register early for the Captree Fluke Derby.

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William Muller awards a lucky angler from last year's event one of many fine prizes.

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The fourth through tenth biggest fish will receive tackle prizes. In case of ties, comparable prizes will be awarded.

It doesn't matter how old you are or how experienced you are. The main idea is to have a lot of fun, but let me tell you that anyone can win and winners of previous editions of this event have ranged from "local sharpie" to raw beginner. Incidentally, many of the captains of party boats in the Captree fleet have expressed a desire to help you catch a winner. Many are encouraging regular fares to sign up and they'll help get your fish into the weigh-in and to keep it fresh for maximum weight. Speak to your captain before you sail so he knows you're in it.

Preliminary reports indicate that there are plenty of fluke around and more than just a few "big 'uns." It's a two-day derby with the weigh-in closing at 5PM Sunday, June 28th. Fish can be weighed in at either the Captree Bait and Tackle Shop or Jones Beach Tackle Store. The awards ceremony will be under the green and white tent at Captree State Park at the boat basin beginning at 5:30 sharp!

It is important to note that you must be present at the awards ceremony to be eligible to win a prize. You MUST have your entry form with you at the awards ceremony in order to be eligible for beer and raffle. Your entry form is your responsibility and we cannot be responsible for lost or stolen forms, and we will not be able to replace lost forms. Please understand, the last hours of the weigh-in and the awards ceremony get very hectic. We ask for your cooperation so that the event will go as smoothly as possible.

The $5 entry fee minus the cash prizes and expenses goes into The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund. These monies are used to support projects that will enhance and promote recreational fishing. Perhaps those of you who have fished at either Captree or Jones Beach have used the new fish cleaning stations made possible by fund money in cooperation with the Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission. Perhaps others of you have used the Gilgo 4-wheel drive facility supported by the fund last year. Other similar worthwhile projects will be supported this year as well.

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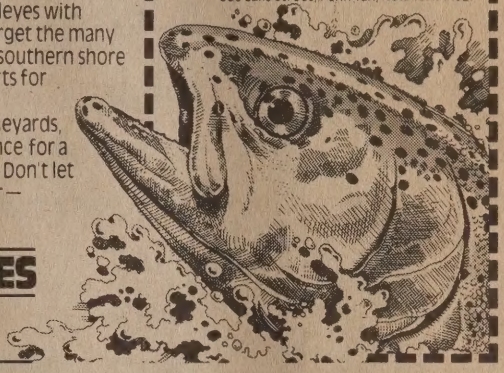

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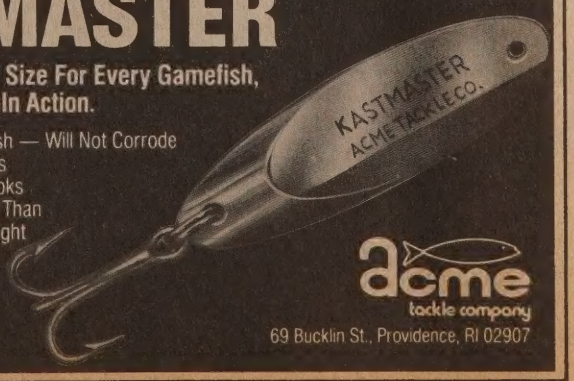

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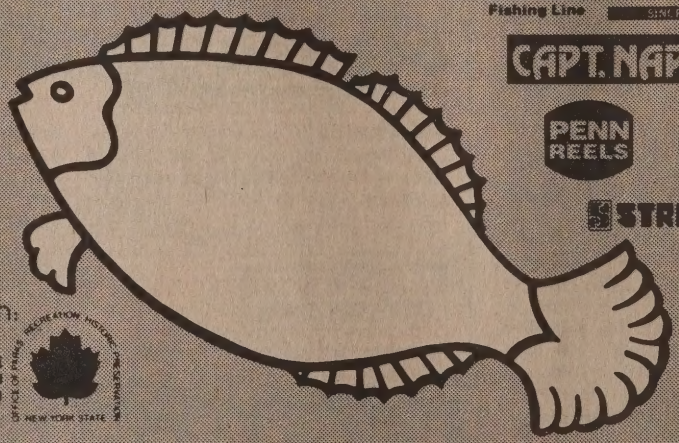

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MEMORIES OF TOG

by Matt Ahern

Of all the bottom fish we fellows find the most difficult to get a hook into, surely the blackfish must stand at the head of the class. This wily and pugnacious cuss has caused the average sinker bouncer more frustration than all the rest of our bottom feeders combined.

Especially is this so at the beginning of one's fishing career.

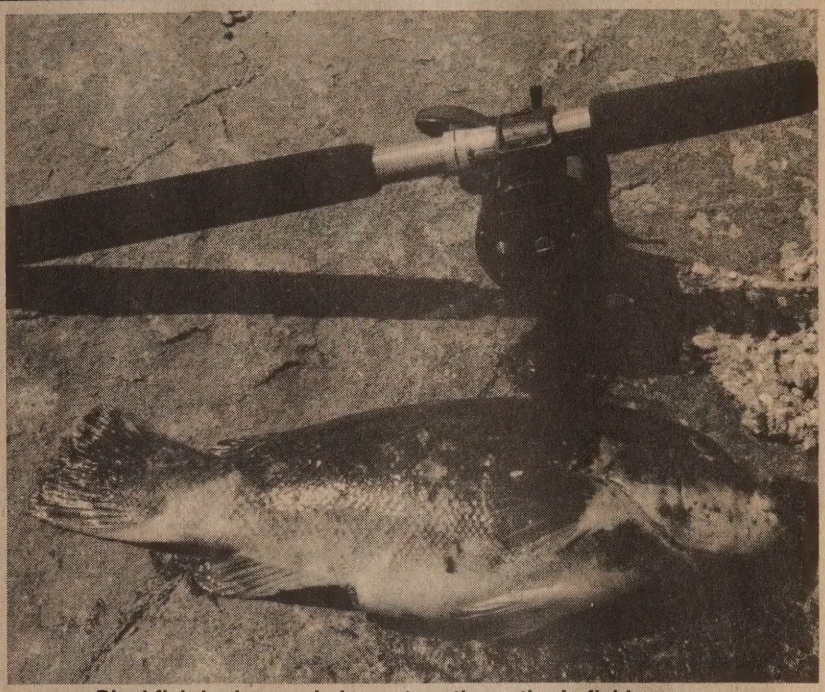
And at the beginning of my career I guess you might say that for a budding fisherman I was pretty dumb kid, for I was 11-years-old before I saw my first blackfish. And when you consider that the Brooklyn neighborhood in which I was reared abounded in first rate bottom fishermen, this lack of intelligence certainly made me slow on the draw.

And because there were so many fishermen in Brooklyn, tackle shops were never too far away. I don't know if you've ever heard of John Gliebe's tackle shop, then located on Myrtle Avenue near Broadway, in Brooklyn, but at the time I write of, Gliebe's was the place to go if you wanted excellent custom made rods, the best reels and service, sturdy terminal tackle, and the largest and sassiest blood and sandworms.

In later years, I bought many a rod and reel from John Gliebe (some of which I have to this day), in addition to long-forgotten flats of sandworms for weakfishing, plus anything else I needed at the time; and I got to know Mr. Gliebe and his son John pretty well. But at the tender age of eleven I hadn't yet been inside the store. There were always groups of master fishermen chatting with the Gliebes and I figured they wouldn't enjoy having a kid underfoot and taking time out from their discussions to answer all those questions, I had an uncontrollable urge to ask. Therefore, I was content to stay out front and feast my eyes on the splendid array of tackle I was eating my heart out to possess.

I'm sure Gliebe's store was a good four mile hike from my neighborhood, but that didn't faze me one bit. I gladly hoofed it, rain or shine, for to be in close contact with all that fine tackle and those excellent fishermen was reward in itself.

But one balmy May evening I started out on my journey and I never did get there. While walking along Myrtle Avenue and approaching the neighborhood speakeasy, I came upon an excited crowd milling around outside the establishment. I was sure it was just another police raid and made to walk around the confusion and continue on. Not even the excitement of a police raid (most common those Prohibition days) could keep me from my pilgrimage to Gliebe's store window.



Blackfish had an early impact on the author's fishing career.

But it wasn't a police raid that caused all the commotion. Instead, there were four or five strapping fishermen bending over several bushel baskets of blackfish. There must have been at least 100 fish in those baskets and they were being given away to whoever wanted them. There was no want to takers. I came away with an easy five pounder.

There would be no visit to Gliebe's that evening.

I wrapped the fish in several sheets of newspaper found in a trash receptacle and scooted for home. I was in my glory. Here was a fish I knew nothing about I could study it to my heart's content, knowing full well that the next day I could check with the old-timers for more information.

And you can bet I checked. I must have driven some of those poor guys to distraction with my innumerable questions. But to the everlasting memory of those fine fishermen, not one refused to part with all the hard-gained knowledge he possessed. And it was from one of these fellows I received the best piece of fishing advice I have ever gotten. "Kid," he said, "if you ever want to become a good fisherman, first learn to catch blackfish. If you can do that, all the others will become duck soup."

Ah, the truth of that!

But of what good was the untested knowledge I possessed if I had nowhere to use it? Going out on a party boat was beyond my means, for an 11-year-old kid in 1925 was indeed rich if he had two nickels to rub together. So, that summer I put a dent in the snapper population and let it go at that.

I'm told the good Lord takes care of fools and drunkards. Well, let me add a postscript to that: He also takes care of boys who want to go fishing so bad they can taste it.

That summer a new kid moved into the neighborhood. His name was Martin Dyckman and he and his father, who at the time was a motorman for the then Brooklyn Rapid Transit trolley lines, were dyed-in-the-wool fishermen. Martin and I hit it off first crack out of the box and soon we were into high-grade fish talk. I could offer little with my meager fishing experience, but Martin mesmerized me with tales of fishing exploits. I guess you might say that in my small world Martin could

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do no wrong. To me, Martin was a god and there was nothing I wouldn't do to get him talking about his and his dad's fishing exploits. Actually, as I look back upon it now it was just downright shameful.

When I spoke of the desire to go blackfishing, and the tough luck I was experiencing in bringing that desire to fulfillment, Martin told me to fret no more. He and his dad were blackfish fans from 'way back and come October they would take me to Barren Island in Jamaica Bay to do a little fishing in a good spot they knew.

Well, you know how it is with kids when goodies are offered. I had become acquainted with Martin in August and the two months or so I was destined to wait for that promised trip was like waiting for a lifetime to pass. Time, for me, just would not pass fast enough and when Mr. Dyckman returned home from work each day I made sure to post myself in a conspicuous place. He would have had to be blind not to see me, but I was taking no chance he might forget who I was. Had he done that, I believe I would have died on the spot.

But even misery comes to an end, and one Saturday afternoon Martin gave me the word. "We're going to tomorrow morning, Pop says to be ready at four. We'll leave in the dark and he says not to bring your drop line; he has a rod and reel for you to use. He already bought the bait: live green crabs."

Oh joyous day!

I don't think I slept a wink that night. If I thought those past two months were a long wait, those hours to early morning were more of a strain than ever. To this day I've never completely gotten away from that. No matter how often I've fished during the past 66 years I have always been somewhat on edge the night before—gosh darn it, at the time, I didn't know this was to be a lifetime quirk.

And because of this, you can bet I was standing at the curb with time to spare and doing much fretting before Martin and his father rounded the corner and drove up in their 1922 Dodge Brothers sedan. Oh, I was a lucky boy all right, for in those days it was a big thing for a kid to have an opportunity to ride in a car. I considered myself the luckiest of the lucky.

How long it took us to get to Barren Island, I no longer recall...except that it was becoming daylight when we parked the car. There was some walking to be done and when we stopped we were on the bank of a creek that meandered behind Barren Island. (Not far from us was a small mountain of horse bones, for at the time Barren Island was used as an incinerator for dead horses—which when I was a kid were placed at curb side for the "dead horse cart.") The weather was chilly and there was frost on the marsh grass and reeds, but that meant nothing to me if the fish would bite.

Martin handled his rod and reel like

an expert, but as for me, I didn't know a thing about casting, baiting up, and all those other things exerienced fishermen no longer think about. But Mr. Dyckman was one fine gentleman. He took care of all the details, cheerfully taking time out from his own fishing to explain why this was done and why that was done, and the reasons for this and the reasons for that. As for casting, I simply couldn't do it. But that didn't annoy Mr. Dyckman—he did it for me, explaining what I must do if I felt a bite.

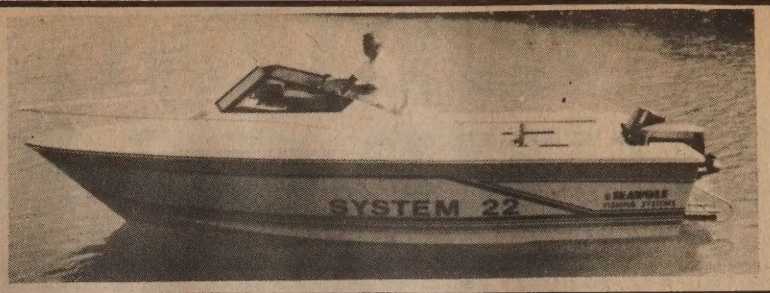
Because I did no casting, I am at a loss as to how deep the creek was; but it seems to me that a guess of 15 to 20 feet would be close. This is based solely on later experiences which say that this depth (and more) is best for good inshore blackfishing.

After I had become hung-up and lost several riggings, Mr. Dyckman told me the bottom was littered with concrete railroad ties which had spilled overboard from a barge during a violent windstorm several years before. But whatever was down there sure ate up the rigs and I was thankful I wasn't expected to pay for lost tackle. Yes, sir, Mr. Dyckman and his memory will always be number one in my book.

I don't know how you did on your first blackfish trip, but I didn't too well. I soon found that secondhand knowlege, which did serve me in good stead because I could anticipate some of the action, was still a far cry from having personal experience. Oh, I got bites all right, but these Mr. Dyckman explained were mostly from bait-stealing bergalls, and just like every beginning blackfisherman, I couldn't distinguish one from the other—which, of course, made me low man on the totem pole.

But as the day progressed, I improved and when quitting time came (much too quickly, and much to my sorrow), I had four blackfish from a half pound to a husky two pounder, which was about average for the creek. (Mr. Dyckman did tell me that the year before, in November, he caught a seven pounder, which was his biggest to date from the creek.) Martin and his father had an easy two dozen between them. The fish were there all right; it just took experience to catch them.

That catch of four fish may have been meager when compared to some I was destined to make in the future, but honestly, I don't think that even the 14 pounder I caught off Sea Bright, New Jersey some years later gave me as big a thrill. Those four fish were postive proof that with a little perseverance and a smile or two from the fishing gods, I, too, could catch the wiliest and most cunning of all our bottom feeders. Without a doubt, those four blackfish were my stepping stones to broader fishing knowledge. And I'll tell you truthfully, whatever fishing "luck" I've had in all the long years since that trip to Barren Island, I place squarely on the shoulders of those long-gone blackfish.



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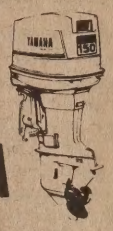

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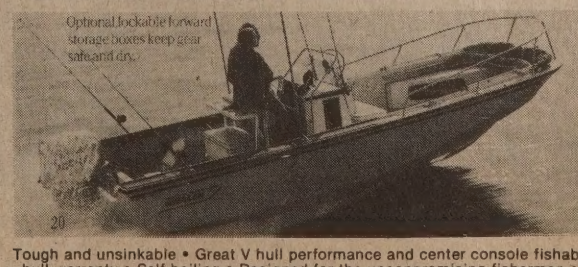

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GETTING THE JUMP ON FLUKE

by Fred Golofaro

Smart anglers kick off the fluke season while others are still preoccupied with weakfish and flounder.

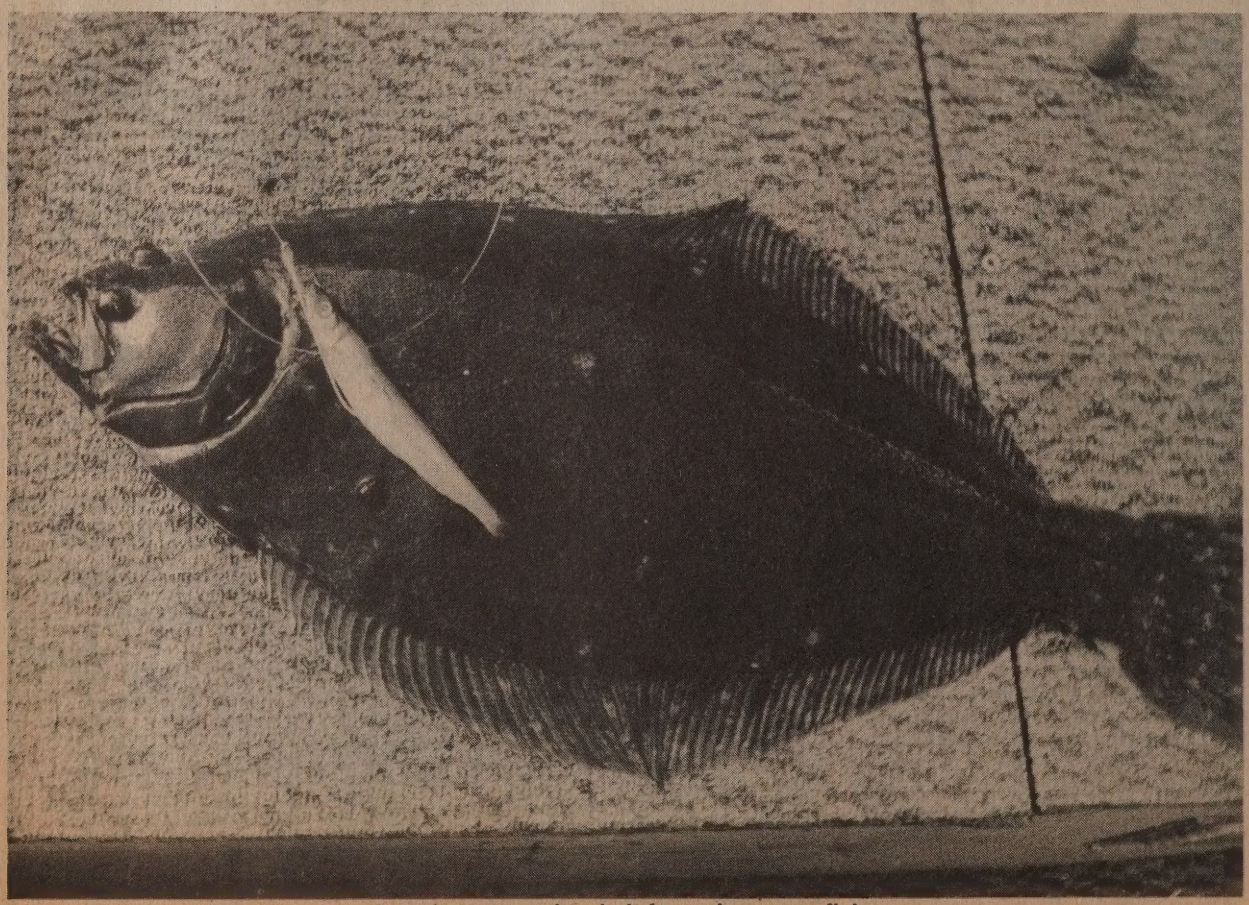
It was the third week of May and like most Great South Bay boatmen, weakfish had been foremost on our minds when we cleared the canal prior to sunrise. The day was growing old fast, despite the pair of big tide-runners that graced our fish box. All of our action had come soon after arriving on the weakfish grounds and now, with the sun high in the late morning sky and boat traffic a growing enigma, the only attention paid to our bucktail/Jelly Worm combos came from some pesky one to two pound blues that seemed intent on reducing our nine inch worms to stubs.

Incidental fluke catches had been on the rise since the first week of the month and in fact, we had caught and released a pair of summer flatties that had taken a liking to our deeply worked bucktails. Another weakfish angler drifting nearby, had netted what looked to be a four to five pound flattie.

Fluke had never received much attention at this point in the season, but it had become obvious that there were probably more fish around by mid-May than most anglers suspected. Of course, a preoccupation with weakfish, blackfish and the "grand finale" of the spring flounder run at the inlet helps keep the heat off the newly arrived flatties. Aside from being distracted by other species, most anglers are in less of a rush to kick off their fluke fishing since they know they will have their fill of them all summer long and through September.

Well, I couldn't wait. In a rare moment of foresight, I had included a couple of packages of spearing along with the handful of white Jelly Worms on the counter of the tackle shop the prior evening. With a minimum amount of arm twisting, I was able to convince my two partners that we use up the remaining couple of hours of the flood tide trying to dredge up a fluke dinner.

Aside from the time of the year, I was confident we had everything going for us. The last half of the incoming tide is prime time for fluke



Spearing are a prime bait for early season fluke.

in Great South Bay and we would be catching most of it. Our spearing were as "fresh" as frozen bait can be—obviously recently packaged and frozen in preparation for the long fluke season ahead.

I eased the boat along the deep dropoff that parallels the sand bar on the north side of the inlet, just west of the Robert Moses Bridge, and from that very first drift, the action was constant. In just a couple of hours time, three of us managed to put away 40 fluke. Half of the fish fell short of the 14 inch minimum size limit but we kept only those measuring 16 inches in length and still took home a dozen nice fish.

The best of this early season fluking is concentrated in the deeper waters of the inlet, the State Boat Channel, West Channel and along South Beach. Save the flats and the shallow edges of dropoffs for later in the season. One spot that always seems to host a good number of early arriving summer flatties is the cut opposite Fisherman's Walk at Captree which leads into Captree Island on the north side of the State Channel. I have had some of my best early season action making short drifts adjacent to the old bait station. Keep in mind that this is a tight spot for small boats only and too much wind will make fishing it properly, difficult. I've had some good success by anchoring up and casting small white bucktails fitted with a stinger hook and baited with a spearing when drifting conditions were not right.

For most of my fluking, I favor some white bucktail adorning the hook and when fishing "long" baits (spearing, sand eels, smelt, etc.) I like the addition of a stinger hook. Lead-headed bucktails are dynamite on fluke, but that subject is reserved for a future article.

I have found the current crop of graphite popping/casting rods to be ideal for most of my fluking needs as well as for a host of other fishing situations which might crop up while working bays, sounds and inlets. The 6½ and 7 foot lengths work out nicely and light/medium actions have enough backbone to handle the occasional need for more lead. I have been very happy with rods of this style from Shimano and Berkley, but a host of other manufacturers make similar rods that will get the job done. Any husky freshwater bass style baitcasting reel spooled with 10 pound test will make for a nice matching outfit. The Garcia Ambassadeur 5500 has filled the bill nicely for me, just for the sake of comparison.

If you're eager to get an early start on your fluke fishing this season, you had better not waste any time. The odds are you won't be hearing much about the summer flatties for a couple of weeks yet, but you can rest assured, the fish are there for the taking. Instead of waiting to read about someone else making those first catches, why not be the one everyone else is reading about?

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MEADOW OF OPPORTUNITY

by William A. Muller

We don't usually think of catching fish in a meadow, but there is an exception. I must confess to avoiding this particular meadow for many years in spite of the fact that it is very close to my home and has been a proven producer of bass, blues, and weaks for a long time.

I'm always looking for rips and special features because it is structure like these that hold fish, and this is also true of Sunken Meadow State park. At first blush, the water and the lay of the land appears to be bland, but a closer look reveals a varied and significant amount of structure. Let's work from west to east.

For most of the season, parking is allowed in the first parking lot to the east of the main entry road. Most fishermen park in the northwest corner. Walk due north, through the trees, up a ramp and onto the boardwalk. Walk west to the end of the boardwalk, then down to the water and west again. If an angler walks west about 3/4 of a mile he or she will come to a small point. Fishing rom here westward towards Callahans Beach will produce bass at sunset, sunrise and during night tides during much of the season, but is especially productive in late spring and again in the fall. Fish are typically schoolies, but some fish into the 30s can be had if a surf rat is hard working and persistent.

From this point to the east (almost to the jetty) is a beach that produces well from spring through the fall. The structure attraction here is a bar about a hundred yards off the beach. At higher stages of the tide, predators often trap bait in the trough between the beach and bar, while at low tide anglers like to walk out and onto the bar to seek fish that have retreated to the seaward edge of the bar and often trap bait there. Tidal ranges in the Sound vary a lot, from less than 5 feet to no more than 9 feet due to moon, wind, and season. Be careful! Typically, you'll be able to get out to the bar at about half tide, but there will be times when it may be hard or impossible to safely reach it in waders even at dead low. When you're onto the bar you feel yourself going up, and if you walk too far you'll feel rocks about the size of baseballs and grapefruits under foot. Stay on the sand bar because fish are frequently tight to it.

I like the possibilities on this bar from late May until around July 4th for small blues, bass of mixed sizes, and large weaks. The attraction is usually sand eels, so bring small swimming plugs and teasers. This bar can produce some large bluefish in the fall on popping plugs and some nice teen bass at night on swimmers.

Moving to the east there is a pocket next to the jetty on its west side that has been the scene of some real fine late spring and early summer action. The west side of the jetty has been sanded in and it is now a vast sand flat. Still, the outgoing and incoming currents move through this area, producing a slightly detectable current that swings a plug. The current coming down the beach accelerates a bit off the flat sand because it is shallower. The water also is diverted by the jetty and picks up a little speed. The result is that bait moving down the beach with the tide can be trapped by current and predators in this pocket. Very often the action may begin after sunset on a dropping tide and continue until the tide turns. I have also fished this pocket when the tide turned and the fish bit right through the first half of the incoming! I like this pocket a lot, although the action is frequently either feast or famine.

The beach to the east of the jetty is

not generally productive, although from time to time there are reports of some nice catches there. I haven't found it to be consistent enough to warrant more of my attention, but it may be that I'm not trying it on the right tide or under the appropriate weather conditions.

However, the Nissequogue River lies at the eastern edge of Sunken Meadow State Park and offers considerable potential for bass, blues, weaks and even large white perch.

Most of the interest in the river among fishermen appears to focus on the fall. This is probably due to several factors. First, in the fall you can also park in the most easterly lot, making the walk to the river much shorter. Second, fall migration patterns for baitfish like spearing and bunker seem to cause the mouth of the river to periodically become congested with bait. A lot of the guys like to fish a bar that has run into the inlet off the beach. I didn't fish this bar last year, and frankly don't know if it still there or if it has changed its look, so I'll avoid comment about how to get on it. I will say this, though, the bar was never a favorite of mine and I always considered it dangerous. More than one guy has had a real problem on that structure what with current, shifting sands, and boat traffic. That's right, boats! It's the boats that frighten me most because I have little influence over how well they re driven or how they are aimed. In the dark, inexperienced boatmen can't always find the channel and it's hard to get out of the way of a wayward boat when you're waist deep in a current. If you do decide to explore this territory, please be careful. Let me suggest that you sample it in the daytime and at low tide and then fish it at other times intelligently, according to your skills and the information gained.

I really started out with the idea that this would be a springtime article and maybe I can salvage the concept by spending the last few paragraphs on spring activity. Sunken Meadow is like any other beach; it has its good years and bad years. The good and the bad fishing seems to cycle in groups of years. A few years back, a few other nearby beaches were very hot and Sunken Meadow as neglected. It appears these other beaches have cooled off and Sunken Meadow is into a good cycle cluster of years.

Although people catch fish in the daytime here, I don't like the daytime fishing in the spring and summer. I prefer night tides. At Sunken Meadow in the spring, I like to walk to the west and cast when the water is too high to allow access to the bar. Often I'll walk toward Callahans and then back again, all the while casting every 10 or 20 feet. It can be a delightful leisure and from time to time I have fallen into some great fishing. At low water during the spring and early summer I prefer either the bar or the jetty pocket.

I'd like to suggest medium tackle for this beach. Perhaps an 8 to 10 foot rod with a tough but not too big reel. Something like the Penn 710 or 650SS or 750SS. Ten pound test line is adequate, but if you fish a lot in the rocks you might want 15 pound test. If baitcasting is your game you may get a kick out of Shimano Bantam series of reels or the Zebco Quantum series. Spool these with 10 pound test line and finish off with a 7 or 8 foot rod and you've got the makings of a lot of fun.

Three, four and sometimes five inch swimming plugs should do the job on most evenings. Lately, I've found the Bomber plugs seem to outcatch other plugs of similar design. Last spring I did a real number on a mixed bag of fish on consecutive nights with white or yellow Bombers.

I think teasers are a must in the spring, but others disagree. I prefer a bucktail teaser on a #1 short shank hook in either pink or white for bright nights and black during dark nights. Still, the Blue Fox RedGill can be dynamite too.

I think the key to this fishing when the fish are rolling on sand eels is patience. The fish may not take too well if the bait is real small, but an agonizingly slow retrieve from cast to lift usually takes fish.

I think Sunken Meadow offers all of us real promise for 1987. It's convenient to parkways and the fishin' is easy!

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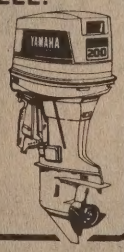

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THE BEGINNING OF THE END?

by Capt. Len Belcaro

A far too effective system has been devised by sport fishermen for taking yellowfin tuna at our canyons.

"Hey Charlie, how's the fishing where you are," the VHF squawked in the middle of the night.

"Fantastic," the voice on the other end replied, "Got 36 yellows in the boat and we're still killin' 'em. Say, do you know where I can get rid of these fish in the morning?"

I have heard basically these same comments from far too many tuna fishermen who chunk butterfish for yellowfin tuna at the canyon dropoffs.

Reports of fish being slaughtered by the hundreds are being received from Block to the Wilmington Canyon every week of our offshore fishing season. I have personally seen fishermen tying yellowfin off by the tails, from the gunnels of their boats because they had run out of cockpit deck space. "Sportless" fishermen, with little or no ice aboard, are catching yellowfin tuna in great numbers and returning back to the dock with a boat load of spoiled fish. These fish, being totally inedible and useless, usually wind up in the lagoons and bay areas of our inland waterways.

During this past season I have seen many good offshore fishermen trade in their "sport" title to turn "commercial" thinking solely of the "dollar" and not giving a thought towards conservation.

My favorite burn is the "sport" fishermen in boats valued between $500,000 and $1,000,000, returning to the dock to sell a load of yellowfin for approximately $.30 a pound. That's $15 a fish for the average yellowfin. What is this same person going to do with his million dollar boat when our canyon tuna are wiped out?

Several tournaments being run along the coast are not only condoning this massacre but encouraging it. During these point per pound events that allow night bait fishing for yellowfin, the entrants are bringing back to the dock thousands of pounds of tuna. Much of these fish are spoiled beyond belief, the stench at these weigh-ins will disgust you.

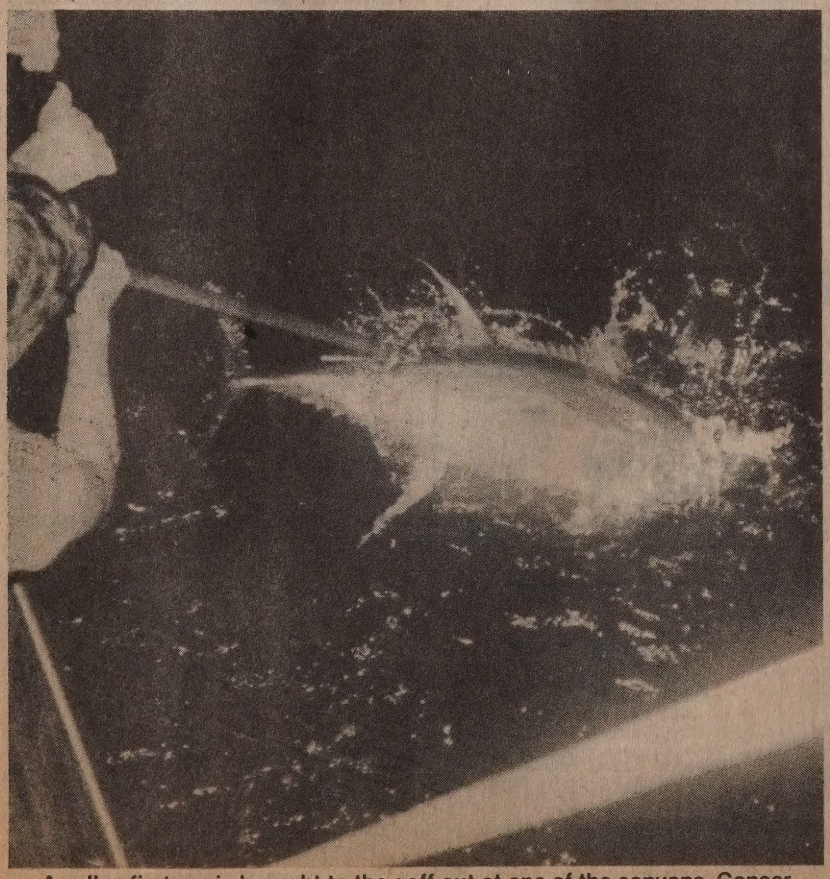
The commercial longlining fleet has turned to chunking butterfish for yellowfin tuna at night because it is a more effective way of taking fish. More effective than longlining! For years I have heard sport fishermen complain about the number of fish killed by the domestic and foreign longliners. Now here we are, destroying as many fish, if not more, than these commercial fishermen we have been complaining about for years.

Simple mathematics will give you an idea of exactly how much fishing pressure, we as sport fishermen, are placing on the tuna fishery. Seventy-five boats fishing the Hudson Canyon on a weekend evening is not an unreasonable number. An average of 12 fish per boat times 75 lbs. average weight. That's 67,500 lbs. of fish in one night. Now multiply that figure times the number of canyons being fished. The figures are absolutely staggering.

And so it goes on, night after night, boat load after boat load. There isn't a species of fish on this earth that can take this type of fishing pressure for any length of time from the sport fleet in the summer and the foreign and domestic commercial fleet in the winter.

Mark my words, if this slaughter continues, our offshore tuna fishery will go by the wayside. We are all aware what has occurred in the past with the striped bass and the Delaware Bay weakfish stocks. It's happening all over again, the overkill, be it for money or just plain stupidity, but this time it's with our yellowfin tuna. We are witnessing the beginning of the end of our canyon fishery.

What can be done to stop people from killing fish and start them thinking about the damage they are causing to the offshore tuna stocks?



A yellowfin tuna is brought to the gaff out at one of the canyons. Conservation measures need to be taken to ensure the survival of this fishery.

How do you force a person to start looking toward conservation instead of in his billfold? The route we must take, as concerned fishermen, is difficult but not impossible. Our first step on the road back to conservation must start with the sports writers.

Many writers who report on offshore fishing activity, through a fishing column, appear to condone these massive tuna catches simply because they report them. If they must report these huge catches, voice a few words of disapproval. Let John Doe, our over-zealous fisherman and the public know you don't approve of this slaughter. That 35 of the 42 yellowfin taken by "John" that evening would far benefit everyone in years to come if they were tagged and released. After John read that, he just might think twice about bringing in another load of yellowfin. And the public might not think that 42 yellowfin is the magic number to beat to get recognition.

Most fishermen want the approval and seek recognition from their fishing peers for an exceptional catch. When a gluttonous "sport" fisherman returns with a huge catch of yellowfin, loudly voice your disapproval. If enough fishermen do just that, it would not take long that an overkill of tuna will be treated the same way as we would react to an overkill of white marlin today.

Sport fishermen should boycott all tournaments that permit the senseless slaughter of tuna and other game fish merely for a point per pound of their weight. Charter boat captains can inform their charters of a 2-fish limit per man; any additional fish hooked and fought must be released.

As a last resort, if all other means fail, a federal limit of 2 tuna per person should be placed on sport fishing boats, with a commercial license required in order to sell yellowfin and bigeye tuna.

Several years ago, I had heard numerous complaints (including myself) from canyon fishermen regarding the poor fishing at our canyon dropoffs. Trips to the offshore canyons that produced little or no fish began to dishearten the boat owners and charter boat captains as well as their charters. The canyon fishing charter business was being severely affected by the "lack" of fish at the shelf. I have even heard of a fisherman who sold his boat the beginning of last year because of the poor canyon fishing.

I view this night chunking butterfish for yellowfin at our canyons as a last reprieve. It has put fishing back into the canyons for all of us. It has restored the canyon charter business and given us all a reason to make that long trek back to the shelf.

If we screw this up, I'm afraid this will be our last shot. While it's fresh in our minds, let's think back two years ago to the poor fishing we had all experienced. Call it selfishness, call it whatever you want, I never want to see those days again.

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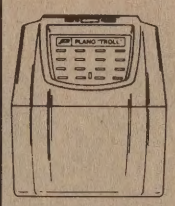

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THE JETTY BAG:

WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT!

by Russ Wilson

Savvy jetty jocks know that unproductive lures are excess baggage and will, through trial and error, eliminate any plugs, metals or leadheads that do not produce.

Fishing the coastal rock piles is hard work. The guys and gals who are into this kind of saltwater fishing are a dedicated lot who put in a lot of time to catch a few fish. The last thing they need is a shoulder bag full of plugs that do nothing but add weight and make the job of climbing up, over and around slippery moss covered rocks more work than fun. And yet, each season we see experienced jetty jocks as well as newcomers to the sport, lugging tackle boxes, plastic buckets and shoulder type plug bags that are loaded to the brim with enough plugs, metals and leadheads to stock a small sporting goods shop.

There is just no sensible reason to carry a dozen 5/8 to 2 ounce plugs, a like number of metals that may weigh 1½ to 4 ounces each, and a couple dozen 1 to 3 ounce leadheads when you are fishing close to your vehicle.

Surf fishermen who must walk a considerable distance to reach productive sloughs, bars and cuts may find it advantageous to bring a healthy supply of lures, but the jetty jock can very easily go back for whatever additional equipment he or she may need. Besides, when fishing the jetties you'll be moving from one area to another by car. If you find it necessary to change lures because smaller baitfish have replaced a large species of forage, you can drop a few of the heavier lures and replace them with others that more closely imitate the prevailing bait.

Most jetty fishermen have their hands full negotiating the rocks when carrying a rod and gaff, and could not lug a tackle box or bucket even if it were needed.

The object of having a small shoulder type tackle bag is to allow easy access to the lures while still giving the light weight and mobility that is necessary when moving from rock pile to rock pile. That's why it pays to select only lures that have been proven under fire.

Most commercially marketed plug bags are designed with a limited number of pockets or tubes. Some can take a dozen lures, while others are constructed with aluminum inserts that will hold only 8 to 10 plugs. Space is always at a premium, and each untested lure is a waste of valuable storage area that might otherwise be used sensibly.

It pays to keep an open mind when choosing which lures you will carry. As an example, when planning an after-dark sortie for striped bass, blues or weakfish, you might elect to bring along a few leadheads, some pork rind and perhaps a FEW proven surface or sub-surface type swimming plugs.

Poppers, darters and chugger models are very effective for taking

No jetty bag is complete without an assortment of bucktails.

game fish during daylight tides, but are not as productive when used at night. The same holds true when choosing metals for casting. There is no doubt as to the effectiveness of a Hopkins type metal for catching weaks, blues or stripers during day tides but at night, those same lures are seldom used.

There is also the possibility that night feeding striped bass will show interest in rigged eels, sea worms or crabs. If you plan a night of bait fishing from the beach or a couple hours of casting rigged eels from the rock piles, you may feel there is no need to carry a lure bag. Don't believe it. On more than one occasion when probing the night tides with bait we've come across stripers that would not give the baits a second glance but would pounce on a plug the minute it hit the water.

It should be obvious that rigged eels, worm, clam or crab should not be carried in a lure bag. Not only do the natural baits give off a scent that will stink up the bag, they also cause hooks to rust and will create corrosion on metals, bucktails and metal lipped swimming plugs.

Surf and jetty fishermen who plan to fish bait are advised to pick up a five gallon plastic bucket of the type used by painters and dry wall mechanics. These are readily available at most shore area tackle shops and can be purchased for less than five bucks.

You will be surprised at the amount of items you can stuff into a five gallon bucket. Hooks, spare rigs, sinkers, bait, lunch, thermos or soft drinks and other necessities can be safely stored in the bucket and in a pinch you can also use it as a seat while waiting for a fish to come along and grab the bait. Anyway, without getting too far off track, use the bucket when fishing natural bait and don't forget to bring the plug bag as a back-up.

There are a few basic plugs every jetty jock should have in his, or her, bag of tricks. The Rapala style swimmer was the first to hit the market back in the late 50s and early 60s. Then came the Rebel, Hellcat and others. They caught most everyone's fancy and were dynamite lures for bass and blues. They still are hot items today and probably will continue to produce fish for years to come.

However, some of the newer models are as good or better. I would not consider a jetty bag complete unless it held at least one or two Bombers and a couple of needlefish. During the past three seasons these two plugs have accounted for more than 50 percent of all the striped bass I've caught and that includes surf, jetty and when trolling!

Most experienced jetty fishermen I've known had their own ideas as to which lures were must have items and would always make room for those models before giving space to second choice offerings. The following list is one that I feel covers all bases, but may not necessarily complement that of another jetty jock. It should, however, come reasonably close, since most of the lures I'll mention are popular among jetty jocks who fish the North Atlantic.

Savvy striped bass fishermen like Mike Holwitz know that it pays to carry proven lures.

As noted previously, the Bomber is a must carry plug. To be more specific, the 7 and 5½ inch models. Other swimming type plugs that have the same shape and swimming action include the Hellcat, RedFin, Rebel and Rapala. All are excellent plugs and will produce fish on day or night tides.

Color can be important, but is not as critical in size. When bass, blues or weakfish are feeding on small sand eels, they are not likely to show much interest in a 7 inch plug. By the same

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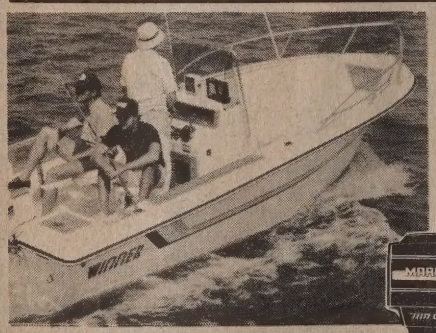

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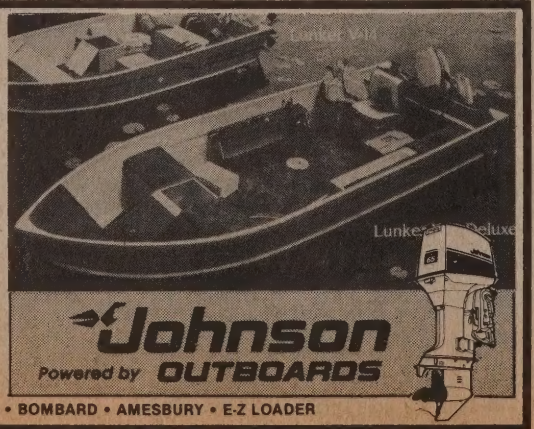

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token, a 40 pound bass that is feeding on live herring, bunker or big sand eels isn't going to waste energy chasing a small plug when a larger meal is just as easy to get.

The needlefish, which does not have any action to speak of, is one of the hottest plugs for taking striped bass and you'll find hundreds of different models and color variations available at shore area tackle shops. For night fishing I prefer black or white, but will often use yellow, purple or green when fishing day tides. Larger models, say 6 to 8 inch can be deadly at times, so it is wise to have at least one large and one small needlefish tucked into the jetty bag for day or night fishing.

Poppers bring electrifying strikes and just seeing the vicious hits makes using a popper rewarding. If you don't have any of these surface plugs you are missing out on some very exciting surface action. The original Creek Chub in a silver flash finish put a lot of stripers on the stringer and continues to do a number on bass, big blues and tiderunner weakfish.

Newer models including the Cordell Pencil Popper, and others marketed by several companies, but having virtually the same come and get me action, are deadly lures that every jetty jock worth his salt should carry. Again, try one large and one smaller version. Some of the best colors I've used are red and white, mackerel finish, red and yellow or blue and silver. Remember, color combinations are not as important as lure size.

Some plugs receive special attention and will never fade from the fishing scene. The Creek Chub Surfster has caught a lot of stripers for this writer and will remain a part of my jetty arsenal for as long as I am able to cast a line. The Surfster was sold in several color variations, but two—the silver flash and the blue mullet were the best. This does not mean you won't catch fish on white, perch or yellow, just that the silver or blue are "special."

You will also need a few casting metals. There really isn't too much selection in this area. The Hopkins, with plain or bucktail hook is considered a standard that other manufacturers try to imitate. Some of the local lure companies such as Ultimus are producing high quality electroplated casting metals that are excellent products at reasonable prices. There are others that just don't measure up to the needs of saltwater fishermen, but are priced to meet the discount seeker.

I like 1½ to 2½ ounce metals which have a single Siwash model hook in a 5/0 to 7/0. Metals of this weight will match the size of many bait species and at the same time give plenty of casting distance for jetty jocks. The single hook is ideal for catching blues, stripers or weakfish and is a lot easier to remove than the treble hooks that are often found on less expensive imitations.

Although you won't use a diamond

jig for casting, it does pay to have at least one tucked away in the jetty bag. Quite often schools of bunker, small tinker mackerel or herring will invade the shallows. By snagging these choice baitfish with the diamond and then attaching them to a regular hook, it is possible to "luck" into big bass and slammer blues that might not hit a lure.

No jetty bag is complete without at least a token amount of bucktails. In my opinion, there hasn't been a lure invented that can match the lowly leadhead for producing fish. And, as a bonus, the leadhead is also one of the least expensive lures you'll find gracing the shelves of shore area bait and tackle shops.

Color really doesn't matter, so long as it is white or yellow or any combination using white or yellow as the main color. Size can be important, however. That's why most experienced bucktail fishermen will have a pouch stuffed with a variety of different size bucktails that range anywhere from a half to four ounces.

If possible, purchase the 1/2 to 2 ounce sizes for starters and add larger weights as you gain experience at working the leadheads. You might also consider trying bucktails that have some mylar for additional flash. On more than one occasion, bucktails that were tied with a trace of mylar outproduced the regular models by a wide margin, and today most of the leadheads that are given space in our jetty bag have some mylar in addition to the bucktail hair and off-setting feathers in red, green or yellow.

Other necessities include spare leaders, snaps, swivels, package of pork rind, and a small box of loose hooks for those occasions when it is possible to snag live baits.

Those are the basics from which you will build. Hot lures come and go like clothing fashions and today's winner may be tomorrow's dud. Keep abreast of what is happening in your area and when you hear of something new that is taking fish, rush out and buy a year's supply, for you never know when the company will discontinue that particular model.

Years ago, I had outstanding success when casting the Heddon Flaptail. That plug was hotter than a July 4th celebration. Each morning I could count on it producing a bass or two, and I really didn't pay much attention as my supply was depleted. By the time I finally realized I had only two more flaptails in the basement, Heddon had stopped making the Flaptail and none were available at any of the local tackle shops. It was a lesson that hasn't been forgotten. Today, when I hit on a hot lure I buy a dozen and if there are rumors that the company is planning to discontinue that model I go back and buy more.

If this year's run of striped bass is half as good as it was during summer and fall of 1986, you'll be needing a well stocked jetty bag. The lures that are mentioned should catch their share of fish.

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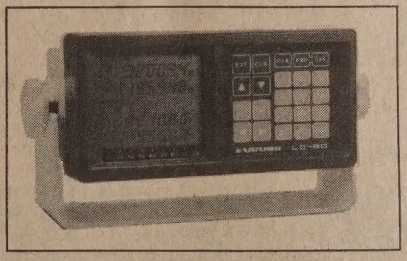

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GETTING CHUMMY WITH STRIPERS

by Tom Schlichter

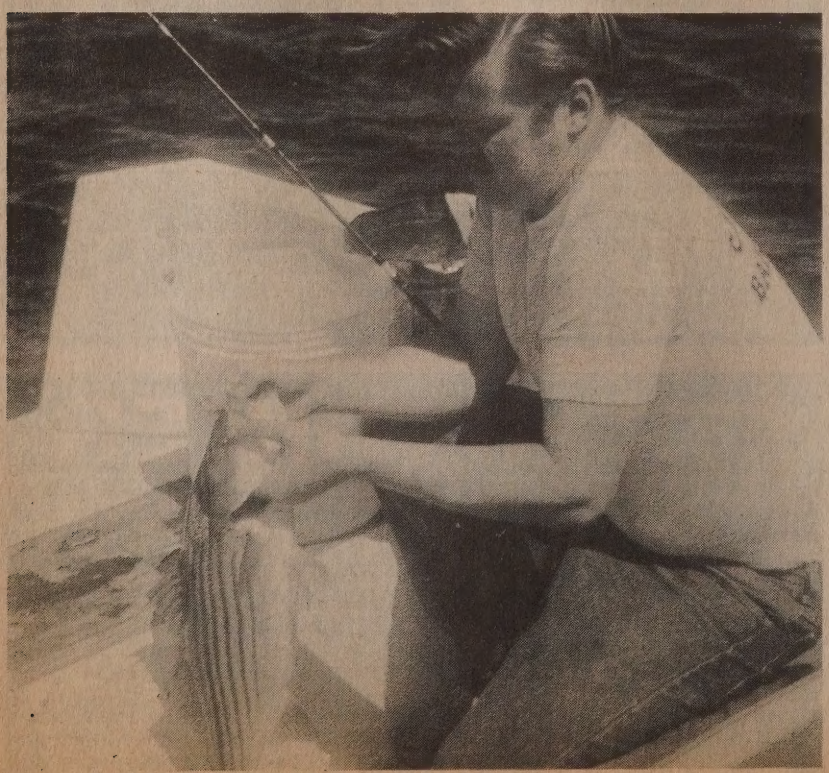
Stripers? At 2:30 PM on a hot July day? In the middle of a busy channel? Has this guy lost all his marbles?

The temperature was hovering near the century mark as Fred Mello eased his 22 foot Mako out of the small creek and towards Reynolds Channel. "We're running a little late for this tide," he said over the drone of the engine, "but I think we should be able to get a couple of stripers." I nodded in agreement, hoping that my eyes would not give away the doubts in my mind. The only stripers I had caught up to that time were taken from the surf after dark in almost total secrecy. The thought of taking these prized inshore gamesters during daylight hours in the heat of summer and boating traffic seemed sacrilegious.

Between the drifting flukers we planed before slowing to a crawl 100 yards uptide of the Atlantic Beach bridge. Fred lined up the bow with his facorite bridge piling and some shore ranges and ordered me to drop the anchor over the rail. A little more than a good cast off our port side, a trio of offshore boats raced single file toward East Rockaway Inlet.

I had been invited along to learn the art of clam chumming for stripers, a time-honored method of taking bass that seems to have been almost forgotten by most fishermen. My instructor was the proprietor of Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle in Franklin Square. And a good tutor he proved to be as, within 10 minutes of anchoring the boat, he had caught and released the first bass, a schoolie of about 6 pounds. Before the tide was finished two hours later, five other bass in the same size range would be fooled by this most effective procedure.

Only a few years back, when bass were more plentiful, it was common to see several boats anchored just uptide of the many bridges in this area, each doling out handfuls of clam bellies into the current. Back then, catches of several fish a tide were the norm and some days saw as many as 20 ot 30 fish come aboard. Those were the glory days of bassing when 20 and 30 pounders were chummed with surprising regularity. I missed out on those days by a few years, but had often heard the stories of so many bass that anglers could actually get tired of catching them.



Fred Mello prepares to release a clam chummed school bass.

Essential to chumming up the bass is first finding a resident population of fish. In the Jones and Rockaway Inlet areas, such populations exist under several bridge spans. I'm not going to spoon feed you here because that wouldn't be fair to the guys who have done their homework. I have little doubt, however, that if you put in a few hours of prospecting or read through the fishing reports in the back of The Fisherman, that you will quickly zero in on some of the better known hotspots. By the way, clam chumming is not restricted to this particular area. Any place with similar structure will hold some bass and can be chummed. There are fishermen who work the Meadowbrook and Wantagh Causeway spans, Robert Moses Bridge in Fire Island Inlet, Ponquogue Bridge in Shinnecock Bay and other locations along the south shore. And I'm sure there are many "secret" locations where clam chumming goes almost unnoticed by passing boaters and fishermen.

Frequently, clam chummers refer to specific pilings—the third piling of a particular bridge, for instance, may be the hotspot. It will help to know that bridge spans in this fishing are usually counted from the main span toward the shore. Thus, the third piling may be three to the right or left of the main channel—not three pilings from the beach.

The key to holding the bass behind your boat is to dole out the chum in a consistent pattern and time frame. As we fished, Fred would grab an even handful of clam bellies, hold them over the water and squeeze out the juice. Then, he lets the clams slide out of his hand one at a time so that they drift out in a small trail about six feet long. The clams were always dropped from the same corner of the boat so that they would drift back to the same place in the slick. To ensure that the slick is consistently in the same location, it is necessary to double anchor on windy days.

Obtaining the clam bellies can pose a problem to prospective chummers. Due to lack of demand, most tackle shops no longer stock this bait. Many shops can, however, get it if given a few days notice. Clam bellies are sold in five gallon cans and run $10 to $12 per barrel. One barrel is usually good for a single tide. Fred usually keeps a few barrels in stock at his store.

Rigging for this game is extremely simple. A 3 or 4 foot length of 15 to 20 pound test mono leader material is snelled to one end of a 2/0 to 4/0 bronze or gold bait holder or beak style hook. The opposite end is adored with a #3 or #5 barrel swivel. The end with the barrel swivel is then tied to the main line via a clinch knot. Do not try to use a rig without the swivel, as retrieving a baited clam rig against the tide will cause your line to spin.

This can result in twisted line that will constantly want to knot up on your reel. With the swivel, only the leader will spin and your line should remain in good condition.

Once the rigging is completed, several clam bellies are woven on the hook and an inch or two up the line. The last clam is hung loosely from the hook so that 2 to 4 inches of "stringy ends" hang free and will undulate in the current. Be sure that the hook barb protrudes from the toughest section of the last clam. Don't be afraid to use 3 or 4 bellies at once. You want the clam to have some weight so that it will quickly sink in the tide.

At this point you are all set to go. No casting is necessary as line is simply stripped off the spool at a rate faster than the current to start the baited hook on its drift. Once 20 to 30 feet of line is peeled off the reel, the current should begin to carry your bait and you can then free spool out the rest of the line. Be sure to keep a thumb on the spool to prevent overruns.

Continue to let your line out into the current until the bait stops (indicating a hit or the bottom) or it has drifted back more than 150 feet. If a pickup is registered, allow the slack to tighten out of the line and sock the fish quickly to prevent hooking it too deeply. If no hit occurs, reel in and begin the process again. If the current is very strong, you might need to place one or two 1/4 oz. rubber core sinkers on the top third of the leader to get your line down into the strike zone. It is often necessary to experiment with various amounts of weight and line lengths before the right combination is discovered. Once you connect, however, the fishing should be fairly consistent. Occasional adjustments may be necessary as the tide grows stronger or dies.

Because you will be working with bulky baits in strong tides, medium weight conventional style tackle is best suited to this type of fishing. A 3/0 reel filled with 17 to 30 pound test monofilament line and matched to a medium tapered rod does nicely. Lighter gear can be used but is impractical. On this trip, I tried to use my favorite weakfish outfit which consists of a light conventional reel, "whippy" rod and 12 pound test line. While it did account for a 5 lb. schoolie, the fight was more like playing tug-of-war with a rubber band. It took close to 10 minutes to land the schoolie and the sport was not enjoyable enough to justify the light line. I could feel the mono stretching as I set the hook and worked the fish 100 feet or so behind the boat, and to gain any line at all, I had to lock down on the drag. Twenty pound gear proved to be much more fun as I could feel a direct link to the fish's mouth with little line stretch from the current.

Clam chumming action begins by the end of May and may last into early September. In the Reynold's Channel area, action seems to be best on the outgoing tide although there are some exceptions to this rule. Generally, the bass are found uptide of structure but they may take up quarters downtide from time to time. Most of the fish taken by this method will be shorts (less than 33 inches). Occasionally, larger fish and even a cow or two might pick up a bait. Fred's largest bass through clam chumming weighed in at a little over 30 lbs. and he tells me that in the "good old days," bass to 50 lbs. were chummed.

Clam chum is fed into the current at regular intervals.

While taking a mess of bass through clam chumming may certainly be exciting, keep in mind that New York State law requires that you release all but one bass, 33 inches or more in length. If you don't intend to eat even that one fish, then there is little sense in killing even one of these fish. And, there is always the chance that a real trophy might gobble your clam bait. Handle all your fish gently and clip the leader on any fish which takes the hook too deeply to be removed easily.

As I learned on my trip with Fred Mello, clam chumming is not a thing of the past. In fact, it is still very much alive and just as effective at taking bass as ever. There is, however, a sort of "secret society" of chummers who consistently take bass without making a big deal out of their success in the papers. These guys may even be working inconspicuously right under your nose. Becoming a member of this elite club requires no more than a sharp eye, a little experimentation and the belief that there are still enough bass around to be caught.

THE SCIENCE OF MAKING WAVES

by Hank Foglino

The author takes some of the mystery out of the origin of waves.

The cold front moved steadily across the Atlantic Ocean. Its cold air mass pushing up the less dense air in front of it. The warmer air being forced upward, cooled as it rose, decreasing its ability to hold water and thereby releasing its moisture in the form of precipitation. All this causing currents of air to circulate in front and behind the moving front. The end result—winds.

As the winds began to blow across the calm ocean surface they initially caused small ripples called cat's paws but as the wind blew with greater force and over a longer fetch (a fetch is defined as the area over which the wind blows), the ripples began to increase in number and pile up on each other causing what we call waves. These waves will grow in amplitude and move in the direction of the wind's force, eventually reaching a fishing boat anchored over a wreck. What was once a calm sea has now become a turbulent mess rising and following as each wave passes. As we get further away from the front and its high winds, the waves begin to slow down and combine their masses making for longer wave lengths and become what are known as swells. These waves reach a boat adrift for blues, pass beneath the boat and cause it to rise and fall at a steady cadence. Some of the fishermen aboard take it for awhile, then succumb to the confusion experienced by the sensors in their inner ears and go below—seasick.

On land a surfcaster is throwing his lure out to a flat sea and retrieving it without success. Suddenly the scenario begins to change. First one then another wave comes into land, small at first, then beginning to grow. The waves born offshore as a result of the storms caused by the oncoming cold

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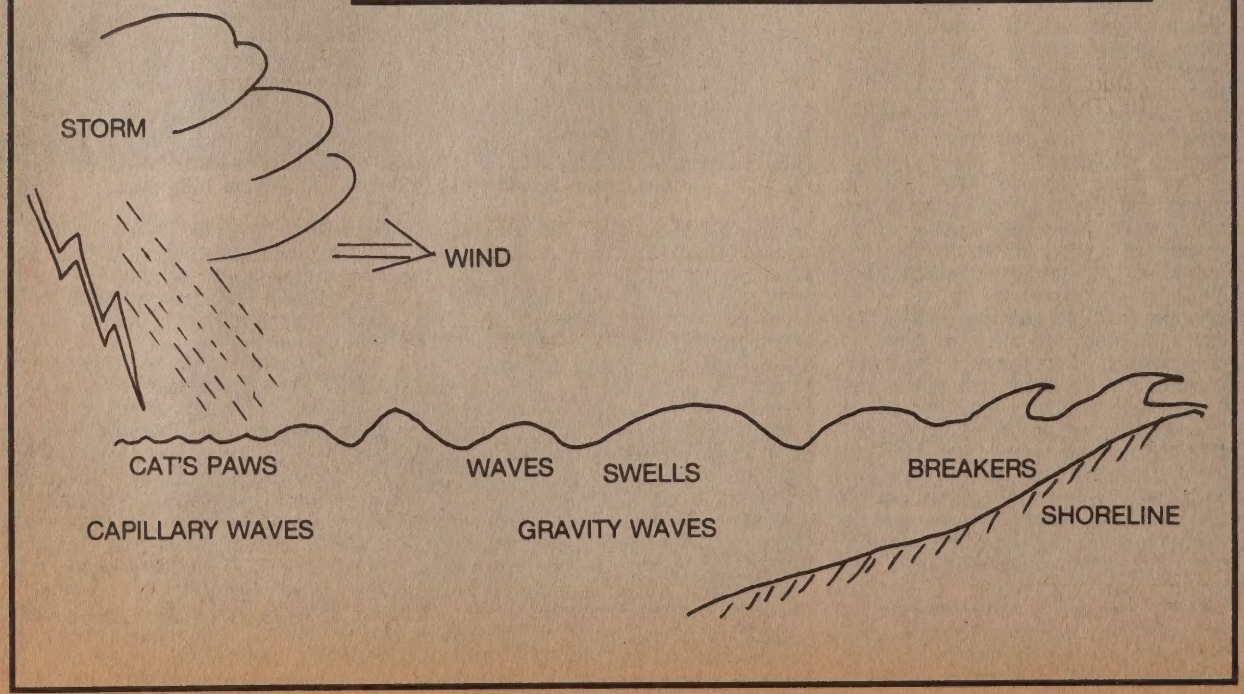

front have reached shore. Nearing the beach the water becomes shallow and the water mass comprising the wave piles up on itself until it can rise no higher and spills over the top causing what we call breakers. Meanwhile the surf casters' luck has changed. The breaking waves have stirred up the bottom causing the smaller marine organisms to be dislodged from their hiding places and become prey for the bait fish. This, in turn, has brought in the larger fish to feed on the bait fish. Obviously, waves can either be a boon or a bane to a fisherman, depending on where he is and what type of fishing he is engaged in.

Waves caused by winds are classified either as capillary waves or gravity waves, the capillary or cat's paws, being those early ripples and the gravity waves comprised of the larger waves resulting as the wind fetch increases. The determining factor is the restoring force. That is to say, if the wind were suddenly to stop, what would be the force that would tend to restore calm to the ocean's surface. In the case of the capillary waves, it would be the bond between the water molecules that would tend to restore a flat surface. This is known as the viscosity of the fluid. The viscosity of oil, for example, is much greater than water and that is why oil is poured out on the ocean's surface in an attempt to decrease wave lengths during rescue operations. The restoring force on the larger waves on the other hand is the pull of gravity which acts on the mass of the wave preventing it from rising. Waves are not only capable of causing discomfort or inconvenience, they can kill. The largest wave recorded at sea occurred during a typhoon in the Pacific Ocean in 1933 and was determined to be 112 feet high. The largest breaker was measured at 178 feet is Ishigaki, Japan on April 24, 1971.

The other cause of ocean waves are seismic disturbances occurring on the ocean floor. These underwater earthquakes create very long waves with a an amplitude of several feet. Since they have such a long wave length they are hardly discernible at sea, but when they reach shore and "pile up," the result is devastation. A description from a captain whose ship was anchored offshore describes a scenario where he was looking at a town on shore then went below for his glass. He felt the ship rise and fall and when he got back on deck the town was gone. These waves were once called tidal waves, but are now known as tsunamis. The Atlantic Ocean basin is pretty much free of seismic activity, but in the Pacific, these tsunami often appear with tragic results.

As noted previously, waves at sea are bittersweet to the fisherman. They toss him about, prevent him from fishing and sometimes make him sick. However, they also stir the ocean, providing one of the mechanisms that allow marine life to exist.

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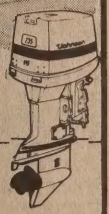

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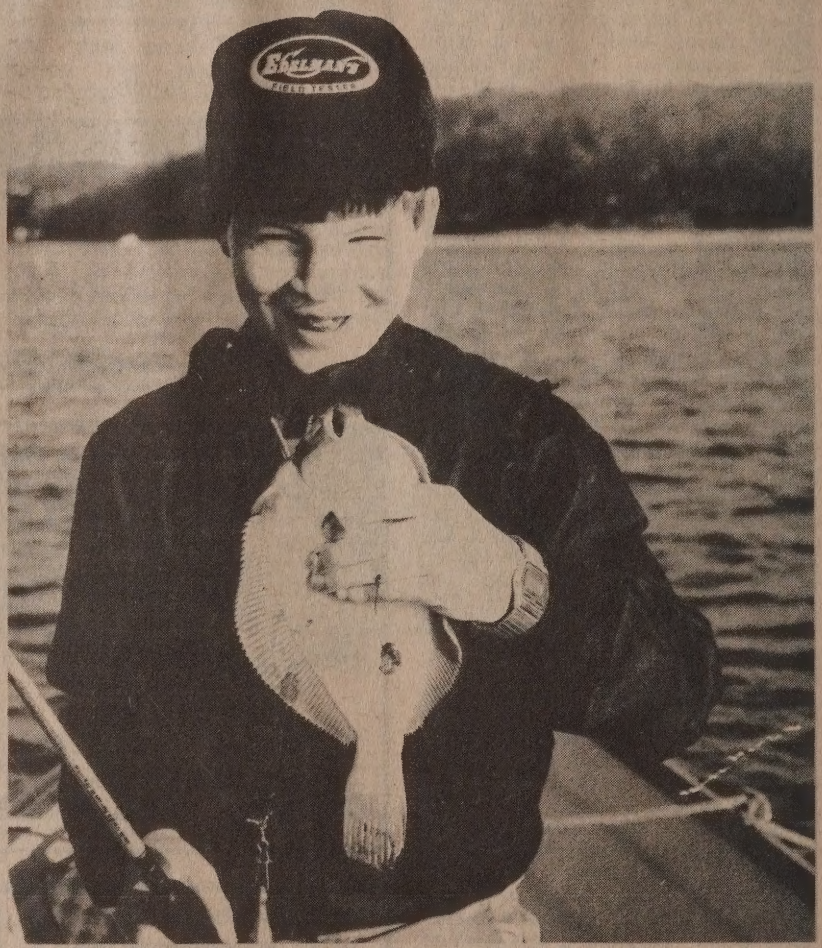
THE GOLD COAST'S FORGOTTEN FLATFISH

by Fred Laager

North Shore anglers take advantage of Long Island Sound's belated flounder run.

Well under way now for almost eight weeks, the Long Island flounder season has been predictable. Having started in mid-March in the canals of Quogue and Shinneock, the action then moved on and opened up in the slower warming waters of the western Great South Bay and peaked in that area by mid to late April. By the end of the month, Moriches Bay was producing, after which the Peconics showed some life. The fishing then progressed steadily eastward toward Gardiner's Island with the average number of fish caught lessening as the overall size of the fish increased.

But by the middle of May, the fishing at Gardiner's is almost as good as it will get and it is shortly after this time that flounder fishing loses its appeal among anglers seeking other sport. Having rid themselves of a winter's worth of cabin fever by tucking a few early season flounder trips under their belts, most anglers now turn their thoughts to other species. Thoughts of weakfish, bluefish, blackfish and bass quickly become the topic of their dreams while any hopes of catching spring flounder fade away as summer approaches. Fortunately, it is at this time that one part of Long Island still produces flatties of such size and quantity that it warrants the attention of all fishermen. As predictable as the flounder season is, it is even more predictable that Long Island's north shore will become a flounder hotspot through the months of May and on into June. Unfortunately, it is also a sure thing that most fishermen will not take advantage of the fabulous flounder fishing that Long Island's Gold Coast has to offer.



Mathew Gaias with a late spring flattie caught in Port Jefferson Harbor.

It was the second week of May, just a bit too soon to be out looking for some north shore weakfish, but just the right time to be out in the Sound seeking the hordes of mackerel that make such good bait for a summer's worth of tuna and shark fishing. I was with my nephew, Matthew and we had just spent an hour on Mt. Misery Shoal bailing big Bostons within shouting distance of the pink house sitting prominently on the bluffs of Belle Terre. The fish were coming three at a time when we decided that we had enough bait and that we now needed more palatable fillets for our own consumption.

Though we were fishing for macks, we also were prepared to do some flounder fishing having spent the previous day digging sand and tape worms for bait and collecting fresh mussel for chum in the spring fed marshes of Mt. Sinait and Port Jefferson Harbors. Our chum mixture, a combination of mussel, rice and corn had been sealed and frozen in 1/2 gal. milk cartons ("bombs" as we call them). The bait was kept cool and moist in a paper container.

As we pulled into Pt. Jefferson we headed west across the bar and on into the channel that drains Setauket Harbor. Matthew stood in the bow and waited for my command to drop anchor as we pulled up alongside a red marker buoy.

"We're on the spot," I said and Matt tossed out the anchor as I threw the boat into reverse.

Because of the current in the channel proper, we anchored along its edge so that we could have the option of casting to either the shoal water on

our right or to the deeper channel on our left. Before we did any fishing, the chum pot went overboard and was worked periodically in an effort to free loose particles from the wire mesh enclosure. This being completed, we baited our rigs with worm and mussel, confident that this was the food Mr. Flounder was dining on. Within a minute of doing so, Matt had the first fish of the day, a nice 1½ pounder.

The fishing remained consistent throughout the entire tide with most of the action occurring just moments after we worked the chum pot. Undoubtedly, the extra morsels released by the movement of the pot drew in and excited the flounder cruising in the area of the channel. As the particles flowed out of the pot they set up a slick on the downcurrent side so it was in this area that most of the fish were caught.

In addition to our rigs on rod and reel, I also find it helpful to tie a hook to the chum pot creating a third fisherman who can always be counted on to produce a few extra fish in the pail by the end of the day. Though we were fishing late in the flounder season in an area little known for its productivity of this species, we did manage to end the day with 40 fish in the 1 to 1½ lb. range.

Long Island's scenic north shore provides many late season flounder opportunities and one doesn't have to be wealthy to gain access to some of the better spots. The channel to Mount Sinai Harbor and the deeper waters of Mount Misery Shoal are very popular areas to seek larger fish, especially in deeper areas where slowly warming waters don't begin to produce until May. Consistent action on slightly smaller specimens can be found in the Narrows to Conscience Bay and Flax Pond and similar drainage areas. Another highly productive yet little known area lies within the confines of Setauket Harbor at the entrance to Little Bay. Here, in a spot known as the Old or Sunken Bridge between Old Field and Strong's Neck, catches of 50 fish per man are not unheard of on the outgoing tide. The fish are not large here but these robust little fighters make up for their lack of size in their overall numbers and their willingness to bite.

Moving further to the west to other areas that are readily accessible by boat and by land, there is Porpoise Channel which drains Stony Brook Harbor. There, the shorebound angler can find easy access to the main channel where he can cast his bait to the deep water haunts of fish often over the 1 lb. mark. From a boat in this area, the fishing is especially productive around West Meadow beach where mussel beds and deep holes abound, creating a patchwork of flounder habitat. Frequently, a rising tide will find these fish swimming into the shallow mussel beds where a well presented bait might entice a snowshoe into biting.

Moving west along the coast there is the Nissequogue River (a highly productive area on the outgoing tide) and the flats stretching from Callahans Beach to Asharoken. Anywhere along these beaches where one encounters a change in the bottom contour or a depression is a likely spot to try, for it is in these deeper holes that the flounder feed. Remember, the north shore has a prolific number of mussel beds and it is these beds that draw in feeding fish. Always be careful not to venture too far over open bottom and don't fish in water deeper than 50 feet. Nutrients are richer in shallow water and it is there that you will find and catch the majority of fish.

To get your share of "Gold Coast flatties" you must be willing to work for them and that requires time and preparation. Chum must be fresh and in ample supply to last an entire tide. A sash weight or anchor bounced off the bottom will help stir up bits of food that will entice fish into the area. Examine your rig for tangles and touch up the hooks with a stone if you have a chance.

One of the keys to successful flounder fishing on the north shore and around the Island in general is having an outfit that is sensitive and this can be accomplished by keeping the rod and reel on the light side. Generally, the smaller an outfit is the less it weighs. The less weight an outfit has the less dampening the effect on transmitted vibration. Hence, it is said to be more sensitive. Also, rods constructed of graphite or a composite of graphite and fiberglass are much more sensitive than their total fiberglass counterparts and have a stronger strength to weight ratio. Fortunately, flounder outfits are rather inexpensive so there is very little excuse not to have a good one.

Perhaps the single most important element in successful flounder fishing is using the proper line. Line diameter must be kept to a minimum so that the current does not drag the line and lift the rig off the bottom. Using a thinner line will enable you to use lighter sinkers which will get the rig to the bottom without adding any unnecessary weight that will dampen the sensitive touch of a nibbling flattie. Lines that are stronger for their diameters are a must and their importance cannot be over-emphasized. Though the better lines are a bit more expensive, the results they achieve are certainly worth the price.

So this spring if the bluefish, bass and weakfish show a reluctance to take your lure or the flounder fishing elsewhere about the island slows a bit too much to your liking, come to the scenic north shore for a bit of the good life. Remember, one doesn't have to be a Vanderbilt to partake of the piscatorial fruits of the Gold Coast. A simple willingness to actively seek out and work for the fish you want is all that is needed for success. Who cares if you're not a millionair. A day in the sun and a pail full of flatties can make anyone feel like a million bucks!

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FITTING AN 80W TO A 50 - 130

by Tim Coleman

If you would like to catch a 300 pounder on your stand up rod, you might consider putting an 80W on it.

At last year's fishing show in Suffern, New York there was more than enough to keep snowbound anglers satisfied with their admission price. Among the many photos on display was one of the back of a booth down the aisle from the popcorn stand. The picture showed a smiling angler standing next to a huge yellowfin. A closer inspection revealed the fish weighed a whopping 330 pounds, a line class record for 130 pound line.

The gentleman manning that particular booth said the fish was caught on a stand-up rod from an anchored party boat, truly a fine feat of fish catching. Further inquiry showed the man had an 80W reel on the rod, something that caught my attention. It seems the fellow in the photo was a regular on the long range trips from San Diego and is known for catching large tuna from the rail of a head boat. The man has been written up in a number of fishing books including one article stating he's had yellowfin on in excess of 400 lbs., but to date hasn't brought any to gaff. The stories went on and on, but the main point was he used—consistently—a reel the size and weight of an 80W on his stand-up rod. Right then I decided Santa was going to bring me a late Christmas present.

Stand-up tuna fishing is one of the latest innovations to hit the New England coast. With the resurgence of school bluefin and yellowfins the tackle is at the right spot at the right point in fishing history. Fish from 50 to 150 lbs. are ideal for stand-up tackle but then the question always pops up: how big a fish is possible with this tackle?

After doing some research, including the talk at Suffern, we decided the larger reel was the way to go. We decided to keep using the heavy duty California rod rated from 50 to 130 pound line, but we'd replace the 50W reel with the 80W. Our line capacity would go up from approximately 400 yards of 100 to 600 yards of 130 pound test. I wanted to catch one of those seven foot tuna fish.

The first couple fishermen we talked with about the idea said the reel sounded far too heavy for stand-up fishing. One captain raised his eyebrows, shook his head, then didn't say anything. Nevertheless we kept going, writing out a check, all the while hoping we weren't making a mistake.

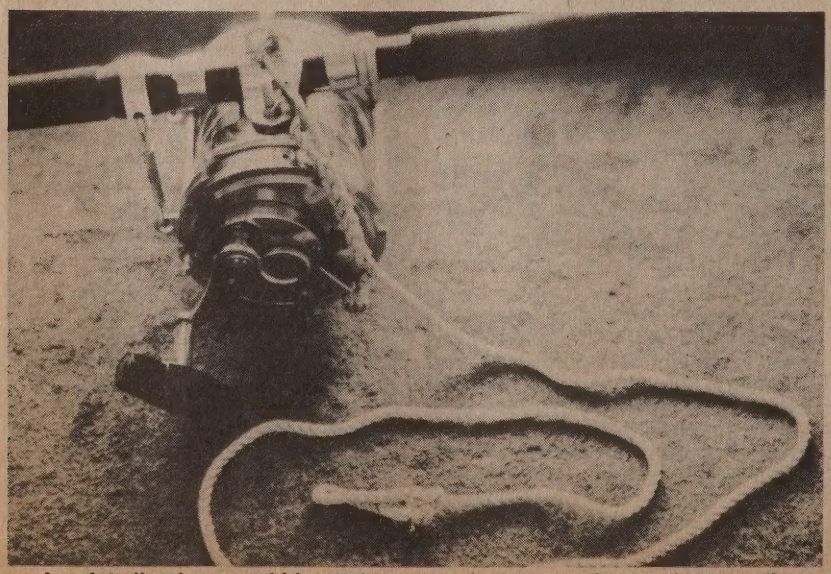
When I first took the reel out of the box it looked like something better used for lifting boats on to trailers or getting 4X4s out of the mud. Down in the rod room we tried to put it on our old faithful stand-up rod but the reel wouldn't fit; the reel seat was too small and the rod had no metal sleeve up above the reel seat to accept the forward braces of the 80W. So with visions of having blown a bunch of lunch money, we went over to our rod guy to explain the situation. His answer was to rework the factory rod with the next size Aftco reel seat and install the proper sleeve. My 50 to 130 would join forces with an 80W.

The next step was winding the 600 or so yards of line on the reel. It seemed Barney Miller came and went before we finally got the job done, then sat back to think about the coming season. For the next couple months we hefted and rehefted the rod, always asking is it too big, too heavy? Some readers, we thought, are not going to like the weight which was roughly twice that of some brands of 50Ws. However, it always came back to the thought if the guy in the picture in Suffern could do it, the guy who looked at the photo could too. Our first test came in late June in the east bight of Atlantis canyon.

We'd been trolling about 45 minutes, when over the top of a brand new cup of coffee I saw a miniature version of a Trident sub coming across the surface homing in on my brand new $37 lure. It seemed like a good time to say something catchy to use later on in a story but all I did was spill the coffee down the front of my T shirt. After we got things cleared away and got down to business, we found the bigeye with his heels dug in about 150 feet down under the stern. We're pleased to report the first test of the 80W ended 40 minutes after hook-up when three people with three gaffs hefted the 225 pounder over the rail. I had my head up in the clouds.

Since that first trip the 80W on the 50 to 130 put away a decent number of 70 to 110 lb. yellowfins—always in fairly short order. On one trip to the Hudson Canyon a fisherman from Norwalk, Ct. remarked on the setup, labeling it the Grim Reaper. I noted later on in the season he, too, had an 80W on his stand-up rod.

Fish under 125 lbs. can be fought by an average size angler without



A safety line is a good idea to keep your investment from going over the side.

resorting to a heavy fighting harness or belt. On one night canyon trip last September we caught nine in a row with just the help of a rubber butt cap over the plastic gimbal after which the rod was tucked into the mid-section. We've seen some fishermen so intent on getting into a harness they ended up losing the fish. One man in particular took so long getting into his belt and harness that the bigeye had enough time to run off a lot of line, then wrap the mono down deep on some lobster gear. When you hook up, concentrate on fighting your fish. If it's a biggie, there'll be somebody to help you into your gear.

When you are going to fight fish for an hour or more, you'll need good quality equipment. Fighting belts must be sturdy enough to withstand the strain and have enough surface area to keep the punishing fight of a tuna down to a minimum. Belts for bluefishing or so-called sailfish belts will not do for a 300 pounder. Two brands we've seen and like are made by Braid Products and Faulkners; those might be two to consider if you've got an eye on bigger stuff.

While that 130 pound line will make up for mistakes as well as catch a 100 pounder quicker, there will be trips where it will work to your disadvantage. Some days the fish are line shy and on those anglers with 80 pound or lighter line will outfish those with 100 or 130 by a wide margin. Last September, Bob Hughes and I fished south of Block Island on a very, very rough day. Bob had the lighter line, I had the 130. By day's end Bob had six fish to my zero. I suspect some regulars on future trips will likely bring two stand-up outfits: one with 60 or 80 pound line, the other with heavier stuff.

On the other side of the coin there will be days you'll be far better with the heavy line when big fish are about. Last August 6th, The Fisherman chartered a boat for a fun trip for Field Editors and staff. We had regulation 50 and 130 pound class outfits on board plus one stand-up rod. During that week there were a few 300 pounders showing up in the west fleet south of Montauk. That's not much of a tuna for a chair fish, but for stand-up fishing, it's a noticeable catch.

Anyway, a mate asked me where he should put the stand-up line. I replied some place a 300 plus pounder would grab it. That line wasn't in the water past the two minute mark when the skipper was on the radio saying we had a "large creature" on the stand-up tackle. Two hours and 47 minutes later we slid the 84 inch, 369 lb. bluefin through the transom door. That fish took a whole butterfish on 130 line tied direct to 10/0 hook. Lighter line may not have held up during the long fight.

There's the tradeoff: some trips you won't get many hits waiting on the big guy but once he shows up you'll stand a better chance with the 130. We might also add the heavier line can be used with immunity on night trips. The cover of darkness seems to shield the line from the sharp-eyed tuna. Another item to be considered on canyon trips with the heavy line is swordfish. Last fall two were hooked from party boats: one 128 lber. was landed with 100 pound mono but the other was lost when the fish's bill chafed through lighter line. If you do get the lucky swordfish strike you'll be in much better shape with 130 pound line.

As you look around at prices you'll see an 80W is worth several years supply of pond shiners, so it's to your benefit to take care of your prize. One thing we might recommend is a safety line on the rod when it rests in a rod holder. Three years ago a charter captain friend of mine had a regulation 80 pound graphite rod with 80W pulled right out of a flush mount holder by a white marlin when the line wrapped around the rod tip. With a tear in his eye and a dent in his checkbook the man waved goodbye to $850.

As you say goodbye to the dock this year you may consider going the 80W route on your stand-up rod. Bluefin over 300 lbs. are coming on a steady basis as are jumbo bigeyes from the canyon ventures. In the past some nice fish have been hooked and lost in this expanding fishery. In the future I'm willing to bet the fisherman who goes loaded for bear will hit the 300 lb. mark a lot quicker than the fellow with lighter string.

Heavy outfits often mean being committed to a fighting chair. ***Al Ristori photo.***

THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

(1) **STEELHEAD TROUT** WILL MOUTH A PLUG, SPOON OR SPINNER, GIVING AN ANGLER PLENTY OF TIME TO SET THE HOOK

TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

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EMBARASSED ☐
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ANSWERS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

The arrival of schools of blues last Friday added interest to the inshore scene. Catches of snowshoe flounder, while behind last season, have picked up. Jumbo pollock were brought in this week, in addition to cod.

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Most charter boats, based at **Captain's Cove Marina** enjoyed decent catches of cod during the week. Last Thursday, the **Joy-Sea**, **Mistress Too**, and "Venture" made a big hit on bluefish, at the Point, on an afternoon charter. Friday, Captain Fritz counted twenty-seven pollock, ranging from five to thirty pounds in weight, among his catch, while on Saturday, less pollock were caught, but average size was larger. A marina based boat, "Grumpy" plucked a couple of blackfish and fifteen jumbo flounder from nearby Shagwong. Captain Passie put a batch of nice flounder on the **Windy**, fishing Gardiner's Island. Larry Oehler fished the south side, on the "Unexpected" for sea bass, blackfish and flounder.

Captain Stan Einzig took an exploratory run to Gardiner's Island on the **Malkessa**, returning to **Star Island Yacht Club** with thirty flounder, the largest three and a quarter pounds, according to Sam, new owner of the yacht club.

Speaking for **Montauk Marine Basin**, June reported on a variety of species including stripers and blues at the Point. On the weekend, the **Kellyboat** made a nice catch of cod fishing south of Block Island. Mr. and Mrs. Faraldi tried Gardiner's all day, catching almost all of their seventeen large flatties in a twenty-five minute time span in the afternoon on the "Escape III". Largest flounder weighed three and a half pounds.

Best cod fish day on the **Montauk** was a catch of thirty cod, according to Captain Mike Albronda. Friday afternoon's charter loaded up with bluefish. A trip for snowshoes at Gardiner's on Sunday saw a slow pick, but large fish. The largest weighing three and a half pounds on the scale. Captain Mike feels that since many bass were caught by surf casters on the weekend, the time is almost ripe for trying by boat for the big one.

Port Jeff resident, John Giralomo called in a report on Monday's George's Banks **Viking Starship** trip, relating that twenty-nine people caught about 1,300 cod, with fabulous

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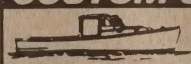

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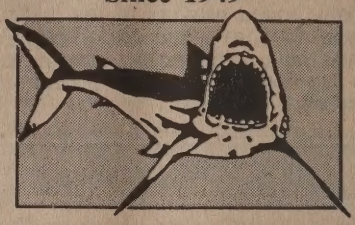
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action on Tuesday. Heavy moon tides necessitated the use of lots of lead on Wednesday. Some catches include: seventy cod by Kenny Drace, Fourty-two by Roger Evans, fifty-six by John Anthony, sixty-one by Bill Tully, twenty-nine by John Hacking, Anita Briggs (the cook) caught fourty-seven using jelly worms. Giralomo himself caught fourty-seven, including the pool winner, a fourty-two pound cod. Henry Wasielewski was runner up with a fourty-one pound cod. Dennis O'Donnel managed a thirty-three pound pollock, Russel Jensen a twenty-five pound wolf fish. John said that the seas were fine, weather good, and that all enjoyed the antics of a finback whale, accompanied by porpoises which put on a show fifty feet from the boat.

A group of fourteen Amvets #34 treked to **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** for their annual Montauk flounder trip, renting three of the large (24 foot) boats, fishing both days of the weekend with varying results. Best catch, a total of 134 flounder, was made by Tom Lambert, Bob and Marty Stillwell and Big Pete who using mussels as bait, fished both days in Lake Montauk. Anchored only fifty feet from them, James Lambert,

Jerry Doherty, Lou Gordon and Bob Oaks somehow only managed to catch a total of thirty-four for both days. Anglers on the third boat, only caught eighteen at Gardiner's, however most were over two pounds, one three. This group included Vinnie Stemple Jr and Sr, Joe Lacare and Ed (Julie) Flemming.

Other anglers fishing the lake reported good results. Richard Marino Jr and Sr with Jim Marino and Tony Boneventura found all baits worked, returning with ninety-five flatties for two days. Jim and Michelle Rogan caught fourty-two flounder on sandworms on Saturday, fishing in the Lake.

On the **Lazybones**, Captain Mike Vegessi reports a pick of big flounder, the largest three pounds, fishing under the light. First fluke of the season was caught Sunday, and while not large (two pounds) spurred hope for an early fluke season. **Lazybones** is now sailing two trips per day, concentrating on flounder.

Congratulations are in order for Captain Robbie Aaronson and Gayle Devlin who tied the knot last week. After the honeymoon, Captain Rob will concentrate on putting big ones aboard the charter boat **Orion**.

Captain Michael Potts reported consistent cod on the **Bluefin IV**, fishing south of Block Island, with the Marxe group on Thursday. On Friday, a few pollock plus two dozen cod were caught trolling. Mr. Latinski and his group enjoyed a good catch of cod on Sunday, two of them thirty pounds, then tried some inshore spots for eight blackfish in the five to six pound range, with a four pound sea bass.

Last Monday's trip on the **Julie III** with Lou Pecone and his two friends returned to Huntington with fifty-six cod, caught by drifting baits at Southwest Ledge. The fish ranged in weight between three and nine pounds. Captain Ron Grandinetti reported slower fishing on the weekend, however, since a hoard of dogfish moved in. A few sea bass and a fluke were noted in Saturday's catch.

Bill Logan and friends, fishing on the charter boat **Allyssa Ann** on Saturday, used bait for thirty-seven cod plus a pollock. On Sunday, Captain Bill Ricca headed to Gardiner's for flounder with Pete Scalla and Andy and Paula Alboher. The group plucked out twenty-one flatties, top weight two and three quarter pounds, along with a blackfish.

Captain Bob Storc tried various spots from Rocky Point to Lake Montauk for his catch of fourty-five flounder to two pounds in weight, on the **Caprice** with Don Urbanski and Art Miller. Fresh mussels, and heavy chum was needed.

T.J. at **Gone Fishing Marina** reports that while the Gardiner's Island area has large fish, two pounds and up, most boats are returning with only one or two dozen. Best catches have been made in the Lake, by those

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putting in the time and using lots of chum. Lake flounder have been in the one to one and a half pound range. Bill Podmore once again returned to port with a big blackfish, this time ten and a half pounds with a few large flounder. We still can't find out where he fishes!

Despite heavy seas on Saturday, Juan Morales and his friends enjoyed a steady pick of cod fish, catching fifteen, top weight ten pounds, on the **My-Mate**. Sunday's trip in worse seas located over a dozen cod fishing south of Block Island. Captain Joe McBride has an opening this holiday weekend and with good reports of pollock will fish for them.

A reminder that the Annual Montauk Captains Association Charity Shark Tournament is scheduled for July 11th and 12th this year. Best to make reservations now.

Angles on the **King Wayne** enjoyed catches of cod all week, averaging fifty or sixty per trip. Saturday's trip to the CIA grounds located twenty cod in the fifteen to thirty pound range, along with a dozen smaller size. Lenny Green and his friends from Dumont, New Jersey caught the largest fish on jelly worms. Tuesday's group, retired electricians from Local #3, picked at flounder, the largest fish weighing two and a half pounds.

As we were going to press, Captain Paul Forsberg stopped by with the results of the weekend's George's Banks cod fish trip on the **Viking Starship**. According to Forsberg, thirty-eight anglers caught over 2,000 cod making it the best trip of the season so far. The !1,000 pool was split between Mike Diptula of Bay Shore, and Ronnie Ristoar of Stony Brook since each caught a fourty-two pound cod. Louie Pow fished practically non stop, catching 137 cod up to fourty pounds, plus two thirty-five pound pollock! Call for reservations for Friday and Monday night sailings.

Edelman's Lou Rosado tried a flounder trip on the "Sea Whimp" and accompanied by Nick, christened the boat with about two dozen flatties to three pounds caught at Gardiner's Island. Lots of life was noted, namely sea robbins, crabs and skates, in addition to the flounder.

Ginger Forsberg reported fair to good cod catches on the **Viking Star**, fishing at Cox's Ledge. Good fishermen have been averaging eight to ten cod per trip, with the pool fish usually over twenty pounds. Note that effective this weekend, the **Star** will sail Friday through Monday's only, with guarranteed fishing no matter how many show up. Call office for details.

SOUTH FORK

Blues arrived in force in the Peconics, hindering attempts for weak fish or bass. Flounder fishing was slow, but a few nice catches keep interest alive.

East end reporter Lorry Mangan and Tony Kevel fished on Captain Anthony Taverna's charter boat **Morning Star**, trying for weakfish in the Riverhead Sportsman's Club's annual weakfish tournament. All usual weakfish spots were loaded with bait, boats and bluefish. Jessups Neck, Noyac Bay and Middle Grounds were top to bottom blues, feeding on small anchovies and impossible not to catch. Blues took squid, jelly worms, jigs, tubes. We saw no weakfish on any of the nearly 100 boats fishing the area, but did catch enough three to six pound bluefish to take care of all our neighbors.

Videotape of this trip will be featured on L.I. Fishing this week. Because of special programming, the program will air at 6:30 pm on Friday (Channel 55), this week only.

Because of the holiday, Captain Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric II** will fish Sunday night (May 24th) at 7 p.m. Night fishing has been red hot, except for the first trip which only produced one weakfish, two blues and a couple of porgies. Since the blues moved in, action has been brisk. Fishing on both day and night trips on Friday, Scotty Bauerle and his girl friend, Jean caught thirty blues and a weak on the night trip, and just as many flounder and blacks on the day run. Saturday night's pool, a twelve and a half pound weakfish was caught by Mike Grey. A very large fluke, attracted to the lights and bait in the water, was unfortunately lost at boatside.

Captain Clark Bellows enjoyed good flounder action in the Sound last Monday when thirty anglers caught 210 flounder, Tuesday when fifteen caught 100 flatties. Heavy tides made the area hard to fish during midweek. However on the weekend very large flounder were caught at Gardiner's Island. Sunday's trip with a good crowd returned to **Sag Harbor** with sixty-five snowshoe, all two to three pounds. A dozen blackfish were among the catch each day on the **Wilhelric II**.

Chris Salb reported erratic flounder action from **Sag Harbor** during the week, relating that fellows on a skiff rented from **Bayview Marine and Tackle** caught fifty nice flatties off the Caretakers on Thursday, while not a fish could be found in the same spot the next two days. One skiff did return with a weak fish on Sunday. A marina based boat headed for Gardiner's, fished near the Ruins and returned with a load of blackfish.

Thom Speckenback reported on a few decent catches of blackfish from the Shinnecock Jetties on the weekend, and commented on the hoards of blues which moved into the Peconics at South Race, Robin's Island, and some at the Shinnecock Jetties. Walter B., trying his favorite Promised Land flounder spots on the weekend, returned with a description of his catch. In a word, "Ppfftt!" While rumors of flounder in Shinnecock's basket filtered down to **Speck's Bait and Tackle**, no positive catches could be confirmed. A few fluke were caught in the canal, including one of three pounds. A few porgies are around.

Ron Arcate of **Mariner's Cove Marina** finally saw a good catch of flounder, an overflowing bucket full, caught by Jack Ryan and "Butcher Boy" who reportedly fished the Basket. Tony DeMar headed the "Sharkey" to the Peconics in search of weak fish, returning with thirty bluefish. No weaks or bass were brought into the marina this week, according to Ron.

Al Flexer landed a four pound weak on an **Al Feather's Night Glo Jig** Sunday while fishing from the banks of the Shinnecock Canal. A few fluke were caught by Al and Al Siegel on jigs, while "Bucktail" John used his bucktail laced with a squid strip for three keeper fluke on the weekend. Hundreds of very large, to three pounds, sea robins have moved into the canal. Flexer noted a catch of five weaks made in the Peconics, on a boat passing through the canal on Sunday.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The flounder fishing was in high gear this week in both Great South and Moriches Bays. The first substantial fluke catches were reported in Great South Bay while weakfishing remained a picky affair. Bluefish swarmed throughout Fire Island Inlet and Great South Bay and were also reported in Moriches Inlet. Some blackfish and sea bass also in the picture for sinker bouncers.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Capt. Russ Hagios of the **Center Moriches** based charter boat **Shamen** reported excellent flounder fishing on Friday for a group of Lady Reelers Fishing Club members. According to Russ, the ladies bailed them to the tune of 200 fish at Buoy 29. On Sunday, Rosemary Fedorco and her family put away 60 flatties working at Buoy 29 and the West Cut. Russ noted that a few blacks are now being taken in the bay and small blues were thick in the West Cut on Sunday.

Linda Schleuter of the **Alma Fleet** reported the best flounder fishing of the spring this week. Both Saturday and Sunday saw very good catches made from Buoys 36 thru 38. Most fares managed 10 to 15 nice sized fish apiece. Some did better. Saturday's pool fish was just a shade under 3

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	3:15	4:00	4:05	4:55	3:55	4:40	5:05	5:40	7:35	8:05	6:50	7:25	3:15	3:50	5/21
FRI.	4:20	5:00	5:10	5:50	4:55	5:35	6:10	6:35	8:35	9:00	7:55	8:20	4:15	4:45	5/22
SAT.	5:20	5:50	6:10	6:45	5:55	6:25	7:10	7:30	9:30	9:50	8:55	9:15	5:10	5:35	5/23
SUN.	6:15	6:35	7:05	7:30	6:50	7:15	8:00	8:10	10:20	10:40	9:45	10:00	6:00	6:20	5/24
MON.	7:00	7:20	7:55	8:15	7:35	8:00	8:45	8:55	11:10	11:20	10:35	10:45	6:45	7:05	5/25
TUES.	7:45	8:00	8:40	8:55	8:20	8:35	9:25	9:35	11:55	—	11:20	11:30	7:30	7:50	5/26
WED.	8:20	8:35	9:20	9:35	9:05	9:15	10:05	10:10	12:05	12:35	—	12:05	8:15	8:30	5/27
THURS.	9:05	9:10	10:00	10:10	9:45	9:55	10:45	10:50	12:35	1:10	12:10	12:40	8:55	9:15	5/28

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/21	5:34	8:19
FRI. 5/22	5:34	8:20
SAT. 5/23	5:33	8:21
SUN. 5/24	5:32	8:22
MON. 5/25	5:32	8:23
TUE. 5/26	5:31	8:24
WED. 5/27	5:31	8:25

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/21	2:35AM	2:05PM
FRI. 5/22	2:55AM	3:15PM
SAT. 5/23	3:20AM	4:20PM
SUN. 5/24	3:40AM	5:30PM
MON. 5/25	4:05AM	6:35PM
TUE. 5/26	4:30AM	7:45PM
WED. 5/27	5:05AM	8:50PM

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5/27	6/4	6/11	5/20

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	1:05	**7:05**	1:20	**7:30**
Fri.	1:45	**7:50**	2:00	**8:00**
Sat.	2:15	**8:25**	2:35	**8:50**
Sun.	3:05	**9:10**	3:30	**9:30**
Mon.	3:45	**9:50**	4:00	**10:15**
Tues.	4:30	**10:30**	4:40	**10:55**
Wed.	5:10	**11:15**	5:25	**11:40**
Thurs.	5:55	—	6:20	**12:10**

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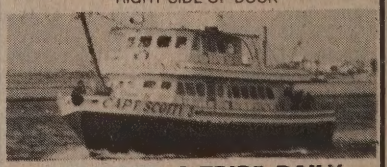

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pounds while Sunday saw a 2½ pounder take top honors. Mitch Thurer had a couple of blackfish mixed with his flattie catch on Saturday. Lady Reeler Gert Eberhardt had 16 flatties Saturday.

Liz Sepulveda at **L & M Marine Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** labelled it a great flounder weekend with boats averaging 60 flatties apiece. Aside from the good numbers, all were in the 1-2 pound class with some bigger fish mixed in. The best catch of the weekend was compiled by Richard and Arlene Dovner, Gene Martin and Ray Cueques. Working near Buoy 31, the foursome put away 183 flatties from 1 to 2½ pounds. Most of the fishing has been from buoy 31 to 36 and also at buoy 41.

At **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich spoke of excellent fishing with most fish in the 1-2 pound class from Buoys 29 thru 41. Gary suggested working the shallow water spots on the flood tide and deeper areas on the Ebb. On Friday, George Linkus and Ludwig Fick teamed to take 65 flatties at Buoy 36. On Saturday Itmair Wolfman, Ellen Wolfman and Jack Delikanakis scored with 58 flatties at Buoy 36. Gary added that there were lots of blues roaming the bay during the week.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

At **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello said that all of his customers reported excellent flounder fishing this week whether they were fishing in Great South or Moriches Bays. On Monday, Don and Chris Mullins teamed with John Capute to take 56 flounder at the Fire Island Lighthouse. That catch was typical of those reported by many of his customers. A fair number of weakfish weighed in in recent days with a noticible increase in the number of fish taken on Sunday. Some of the weigh ins included Joe Napoli, Steve Agnetti and Joe Musso with 3 weaks from 9 to 10 pounds taken at Ocean Beach on sandworms Thursday evening. Ron Bentley took a 10½ pound weak Saturday AM at Ocean Beach. On Sunday, Andy Rose clicked with a pair of 8 pound class tiderunners taken on Jellyworms.

Rod DiGiacomo at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** reported lots of good flounder catches over the weekend, at Atlantique, the Lighthouse and Sore Thumb. Weakfishing remains picky but a few are being taken on the Ebb tide at Ocean Beach and West Channel on sandworms and Jellyworms. Bluefish are all over the bay and at the inlet. Most are 2-4 pounds but bigger fish have been reported.

John Albanese at **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** reported very good blackfishing near the barge on the north side of the R.M. Bridge over the weekend. He also spoke of

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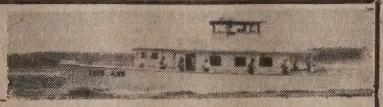

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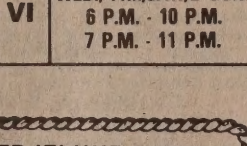

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boatmen working over bluefish to 5 pounds near the Bridge during the week. Weakfishing has been slow with a couple taken here and there. Flounder fishing on the other hand has been as good as its been all season. On Thursday, Ed Saulnier and Frank Bonventre took 45 flatties from ¾ to 2¼ pounds at the Thumb on the flood tide. They used bloodworms and clam chum.

From **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, Jim Romano spoke of lots of blues in the bay from the Inlet back to Ocean Beach and also in mid-Bay off of Bay Shore and Islip. Henry and Joe Jentz returned from Ocean Beach during the week with 10 blues from 3 to 5 pounds. Some of the blues have ranged up to 8 pounds. Flounder fishing remains very good near the Lighthouse and at the Sore Thumb. Jim Grevniar and Mike Coppola had 18 at the Lighthouse on Wednesday. Scattered reports of weaks being taken at Ocean Beach and at West Channel.

Peter Jakits christened his new "Rainbow Runner III" in grand style over the weekend. Saturday saw he and Charlie Prott put away over 75 flatties in just a few hours time near the WR Buoy along South Beach. On Sunday, he and Charlie addded Mike Jakits and Karen Gulotta to the crew. The quartet loaded 150 flatties into the cockpit in a half day of fishing at Atlantique. Peter also reported a 12½ pound weakfish taken aboard the "Reel Tough" Friday evening on a Jellyworm. He added that attempts at livelining bunker were met by hordes of bluefish in the 6 to 8 pound class.

The results of Sunday's Interclub Weakfish Contest held between the East Islip Anglers, Bay Shore Tuna and South Shore Marlin and Tuna Club managed to find just enough fish to settle the awards. One hundred-thirty anglers were registered for the tourney and only 6 weaks were officially weighed. Leading the way were Don and Al Kaich who combined for 4 of the fish. Their efforts gave their South Shore Marlin and Tuna Club the first place team award with 33.1 points. In the individual category, Bay Shore Tuna Club member Rudy Tessar led the way with an 12.11 pound tiderunner. Marshall Ketchum of the East Islip Anglers Club took 2nd with a 10.14 pounder while Don Kaich nailed down the 3rd spot with a 9.5 pounder. Marshall Ketchum, who reported on the results for the host E.I. club, added that the bay is loaded with blues ripe for plugging. He has gotten in several good innings with the fish working the Bay Shore flats near Buoy 10. Most of the action has been with 2-4 pound blues on popping plugs.

Carl Miller speaking from his **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** told of very good flounder fishing from Atlantique to the Sore Thumb and in the State Channel. In Carl's words, "everyone who worked the south side of the bay had plenty of fish." One customer returned from the Thumb on Saturday with 70 keepers.

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Three-year-old Frankie Gusho with a pair of two pound flatties taken in the State Channel at Gilgo on May 1st. Photo courtesy of Charlie's Bait and Tackle in Lindenhurst.

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Carl reported weighing weakfish every day this week since Tuesday. All of the fish fell into the 9 to 12 pound range. Stu Blumberg had 1 on Wednesday and 2 more on Friday using Jelly and sandworm combos. There have been a lot of blues at the inlet and also back in the bay. Blues were reported at the mouth of Bay Shore Marina Saturday AM. They were reportedly chasing bunker. One of Carl's customers told of watching a youngster land a 40 pound class striper from the end of the Saltaire Dock on a bunker during the week. Blackfish are at the Thumb and on the Kismet Reef with the largest in the 3-4 pound range. Mackerel are long gone but fluke are making their presence felt. As a result, the shop will have killies in stock for this upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** described the flounder fishing as excellent all week long. Daily catches ranged between 300 and 500 flatties. Ed Novack fished both Monday and Wednesday and totaled 88 fish. Bruce Jenning had 35 on Wednesday. On Saturday and Sunday, Joe Bonnano counted 62 flatties for the two days. Fish taken early in the week were in the 1 to 1½ pound class with mixed sized fish the remainder of the week. The skipper said that he will continue flounder fishing for probably another week due to the excellent fishing. He suggests calling to confirm after this week.

The **Captree** Charter and open boat fleet enjoyed a banner week with the flatties just a short run from port.

Captain Rod Westerlind of the open boat **Captain Rod** reported very good flounder fishing all week and weekend, with the lighthouse area getting a lot of play this week. Fish are being taken on both tides and range from 3/4 up to 2½ lbs. Captain Rod reminded that they have added a 4PM to 8PM trip to their weekend and holiday sailing schedule.

Captain Richie Abrams of the open boat **Captain Whittaker** spoke of very good flounder fishing on both AM and PM trips, working from Clam Pond to the inlet. Best action occurs at the change of tide, but there has been steady action through the day. Friday's afternoon trip saw one angler put away 45 keepers.

Aboard the **Captree Queen II**, Captain Gordon Roman called this week the best of the year for flounder, with some of the trips producing up to 500 flatties. Friday saw just 9 fares account for 300 fish. Joe Levy led the way with 47. Fishing remained good through the weekend, but the larger crowds saw somewhat diminished catches. Al Bender had 30 flatties on Sunday. Fishing is being done at the Sore Thumb east to Ocean Beach, depending on the tide. Gordon will continue on the flounder hunt for at least the next week due to the excellent fishing. The few fluke showing up in the catches and evening trips have produced some action with bay blues and an occasional weakfish.

Captain George Tweedy of the open boat **Captain Scotty 3** spoke of pretty nice flounder catches on Saturday and Sunday, working the deep waters at the Sore Thumb and the lighthouse. Best fishing takes place on the turn of the tide. Evening trips have seen a fair number of bluefish, but few weaks as of yet. The boat's flounder pool is over $250.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the open boat **Captain Joseph II** reported very good flounder fishing all week long from Clam Pond to the Sore Thumb with fish ranging anywhere from 3/4 up to 2 lbs. On Thursday's trip, Andrew Smith put away 39 flatties. Friday saw Steve Lamel bag 51, while Ben Noah accounted for 39. Catches ranged from 10 to 25 per man on Saturday and Sunday with a few of the top scorers numbering in the 40s. Evening trips have seen some bluefish but just a couple of weaks so far.

Captain Andy Buglione of the charter boat **Captain Andy** also spoke of excellent flounder fishing from Clam Pond to the Sore Thumb and mentioned a showing of some blackfish and sea bass as well. Sunday's trip for the Merrick Sportsmen Club saw Bob Kohler account for 39 flounder. Bert Ginsberg had 28 and Fred Allen finished up with 23.

Over at **Captree Bait and Tackle** Bobby Sprenger confirmed the great flounder action of the past week and added that shore anglers have also shared in the action at the Robert Moses Piers and the Captree Overlook pier. Weakfish reports have been slow coming in, but plenty of blues have been picking up the slack.

Captain Bob Schwartz of the Captree charter boat **Blue Albatross** also got in his licks on the excellent run of flounder along South Beach and at the lighthouse. He reported very good catches for his parties on both Friday and Sunday.

Captain Phil Nielson of the Babylon open and charter boat **Pooka VI** reported very good results with the flounder all week long, sailing as an open boat on Wednesday, Phil watched Jim and Jason Dooley take 35 flatties. Joe Lang had 37 and Jim Harvey 35. A party from North Babylon Fishing Club loaded up at the lighthouse on Sunday, as they accounted for over 300 flatties.

John Gattuso reporting from **Augie's Tackle Shop in Babylon** reported a catch of blues to 7.8 lbs. for Rich Ferri at the inlet on Friday. The same day, he put a 10 lb. weak on the scale for Marshal Goeri. It was taken on a purple jelly worm. Derrick Jones checked in on Sunday with a blackfish of 6 lbs. 12 oz. It was taken at the inlet. Weakfish are off to a slow start, but there were enough around to settle the Babylon Tuna Club's weakfish derby held over the weekend. First place went to George Finlayson for an 11.1 lber. Erich Finlayson took a 10.4 lber. to nail down second place, while Carl Foglianno took third with a 9.14 lber. Ken Darnay's 9.6 and Al Kaich with an 8.9 lber. finished out the top 5 spots.

Aboard the open boat **Miss Babylon** Captain Ralph Green reported excellent flounder fishing from Kismet to the inlet on both tides, with the best fishing occurring at the turn. Fares averaged 15 to 20 flatties per man all week. Saturday saw regular Steve, take 36, while Jim and Roseann teamed to take 40 flatties. An occasional fluke and blackfish are mixed with the flounder.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Mike Andreani reported catch of several fluke up to 2¼ lbs. for Lenny Amato on Saturday. Lenny fished in the inlet. Plenty of excellent flounder catches reported this week. Among them were a catch of 60 for Frank and John Wille and Joe Mitchell aboard the Little Shark. The fish ranged up to 2 lbs. and were taken in Massapequa Cove with heavy clam chum the key. Joe Uss and crew aboard the Cricket III put 72 flatties up to 2½ lbs. into the cooler at the Sore Thumb on Saturday. Also on Saturday, Don and Jean Hersh along with Jean's teen-age son, Gene, combined to take 30 flatties along South Beach aboard the Playing Hookey. Weakfishing has been slow with an occasional fish being picked on the ebb tide. Bluefish are thick in the bay, with lots of 2 to 3 lbers. ripe for plugging in the vicinity of Dickerson Channel. Some blues as big as 10 to 12 lbs. have been reported feeding on bunker in the bay. A reminder that the shop will have live killies in stock for Memorial Day weekend.

Speaking from **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in Lindenhurst, Penny Schaefer reported very good flounder fishing at Tobay, Gilgo and the Sore Thumb. Fluke are being taken from the lighthouse to the inlet and the store does have killies in stock. Barry Dasher checked in with 20 flounder to 2½ lbs. on Saturday. Phil Escalbi and Vinnie Cinquenani totaled 16 flatties to 1½ lbs. in the State Channel on Friday. Glen Madorma had 45 at the Sore Thumb on Saturday. Chip Albion weighed in the season's largest weakfish reported to date. The 15 lber. was taken near West Island on a sand worm on the ebb tide.

Chester Shew at **Z-Crab Bait and Tackle** in Copiague reported a catch of 8 keeper fluke for Barry Turano on Obsession II Sunday. Barry also had 3 shorts fishing NW of the Robert Moses Bridge with sand eels and squid. Bill Biscari and Joe Paradiso kicked off the fluke season in grand style on Sunday, fishing the inlet area with sand eels the pair put 40 keeper fluke aboard the High Hook. The three largest weighed 2.4, 2.7 and 2.8 pounds. Very good flounder reports continue to come in from along South Beach, the Sore Thumb and the State Channel. Some weakfish being reported but no specifics.

Excellent flounder fishing from the lighthouse to the Thumb according to Bob Rose at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor. On Thursday, the Enterprise clicked with 40 flatties at the lighthouse. The same day, the same location George Savage put 35 flatties aboard his Troll and Roll. On Saturday, John Durante counted 55 flatties for his efforts at the lighthouse. Tom Vonvoight worked the Copiague Hole on Friday and aside from a dozen big flounder, took a mess of big blue claw crabs in traps. Joe Grasso loaded up on 2 to 4 lb. bluefish just east of the inlet on Sunday morning. The fish were taken on small diamond jigs.

Over at **Edelman's Sporting Goods** in Farmingdale, Frank Pristera reported that 14 year old Jason Graham accounted for more than 100 flounder in the Sore Thumb Pocket on Saturday. Ray Fumento had a 2¾ lb. flattie among his catch of 40 flatties at the Thumb on Saturday. Sunday saw some of the better flatfish catches made near the lighthouse. Rich Molnar used umbrella rigs to troll a couple of dozen 2 to 4 lb. blues at the inlet Saturday morning. The Rum and Coke reported blues up to 7½ lbs. fishing just a couple of miles south of the inlet. Also radio chatter indicated that a dusky shark was taken by a private boat, but as of Monday morning, the catch remained unconfirmed. Inside the bay on Sunday, Frank Pristera, Jr. chased down a school of blues on the Babylon flats via his jet ski. From the unlikely platform he was still able to take a mess of blues on a small spinning rod and Kastmaster.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Very good weather and very good fishing is about the easiest way to sum up what happened this past week right through the weekend. Flounder-ing has been great, with many big fish continuing to be caught. Fluke are making a showing and should be with us strong very shortly. Bluefish have moved in to many areas, both offshore and in the back, with fish now going to 8 lbs. A few weakfish being taken, both purposely and accidentally on flounder rigs. A lot of bass around, though mostly shorts. Blackfishing seems to have slowed inside. Ocean bottom has seen extremely lively ling action with catches being filled out with blacks and sea bass. Plenty of fish and plenty of activity.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Wanser's Tackle in Seaford had customers back telling of very good catches of good size flounder, best areas being Zachs, Haunts, Black Banks and the third Wantagh area. Flatties have really broken loose said Lon. Fair blackfishing at the Big M and at local wrecks on fiddlers and a few weakfish being taken accidentally along with some fluke on flounder rigs. The whole season is really starting, Lon said.

Joe at **Kim's Reef Fishing Station** said catches during the week were very strong on flounder with the weekend action put down a little by the heavy boat traffic. Saturday's high hook rental was 85 nice flounder, while on Sunday catches ran from 20 to 50 fish a boat. Best area has been on the west side of Massapequa Cove. Rentals have also returned with a couple of blues, fluke and blackfish and there are a lot of sea robins in the area.

We learn from Skip at **Old Harbour Marine** that best flattie action for his boats were at Squaw Island and the Coast Guard Station with a dropping tide best. Rentals averaged 30 a boat Sunday, with a lot of 2 lbers. included. Catches had been very good all week long, with worms and lots of chumming with fresh mussels doing the trick. A total of 12 keeper fluke were brought in throughout the week,

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with these fish hitting clam baits on flounder rigs, a good indication of things coming up.

Mike at **Causeway Tackle in Wantagh** called the floundering incredible through Friday, with catches of 30 to 200 a boat. Best areas were Massapequa Cove, Four Corners and the S turn in Merrick, best all around the high. Fish were big, 3/4 to 2 lbs. Bruce, Don and 2 pals Sunday had 150 a drop from their catch Tuesday of 225. The trio worked the Seaford area using worms and plenty of chum. Barry, Bruce and Mike hoisted 55 flounder to 3 lbs. fishing the Merrick area on worms and heavy chumming fishing both tides. Wednesday Frank and Millie on their boat All Hands took 75 flounder to 1½ lbs. all around the high at Four Corners on worm and red clam. John Grother and Bob Jones were happy with 90 flatties to 2½ lbs. from Massapequa Cove on worms and plenty of chum. Don Russo fishing Tuesday and Thursday totaled 32 flounder on worm and mussel off the Jones Beach Piers. Action slowed on the weekend, down to 20 to 25 fish average per boat, still not bad. Blackfish on fiddlers, 5 to 25 a boat average. Best at the second Wantagh at high slack, fish 1 to 4 lbs. Scattered bay blues with a few larger specimens at the bridges on chunks. Lots of ling to 4 lbs. on local wrecks, best on calm days and a few fluke being taken at the inlet but with a 50 percent keeper ratio.

Merrick Tackle in Bellmore reaffirmed the news that customers have been scoring with excellent flounder catches in all the usual areas of Freeport and Merrick on worms and plenty of chum.

Garan's Tackle in Merrick knew of some fluke starting to be caught at Jones and in Reynolds on spearing and squid strips, all around the high. The inlet has also been producing 3 to 8 lb. blues and also areas due south of the inlet. Loads of flounder being taken around the Wantagh bridges and Massapequa Cove on worms and a lot of chum, while blackfish are providing moderate tugs at the bridges.

Moving over to **Freeport**, word from the **Freeport Boatmens Association** is that the **Super Spray II** has been having some very good fluke days with a very good number of keepers. Thursday's AM trip had John Cox of NYC with a 4 lber. The boat had 15 keepers that trip. On the PM trip, there were 25 keepers with Al Freeman bagging a 3½ lb. pool fish. Saturday's AM trip totaled 84 keepers. Bill and Joan Hoffman had 14 keepers in the 2½ lb. class, while regular Pete bagged a 4¾ lber. On Sunday Sunghom Joh took a 3½ lb. pool winner. Fluke action was at the inlet and in Reynolds. Flounder action was super this week off the CG Station and in Swift Creek with the charter fleet getting roughly 200 to 300 flatties per boat. Not many throwbacks at all. Loads of 3 to 6 lb. blues in 30 to 40 feet of water being

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A call from Capt. Pat of the **Lady J Fleet** told of mostly flounder trips all week which provided very good action, but with numbers off a little on the weekend with heavy boat traffic. Backs of Merrick and Freeport were worked primarily with worm and clam bait taking many large flatties, with just a few throwbacks. One ocean bottom trip produced good catches of mostly ling plus some blackfish. Trips were sailed this week for: 26th Precinct, NYPD, Fred Smith Plumbing, NYC, Old Forge Tavern, Bayside, Freeman Mgmt., Bronx, Valley Stream P.O., and Floral Park Inn Fishing Club.

Captain Sy of the **Bluefin Fleet** called this week's floundering fair to good for his charters, fish to 2 lbs. Bryan Dorian of the NYPD and Cathy Kensington had 2 lbers. while Mike Anatulli and Bob Gannon tied with 1¾ lbers. Mark Shier also had a 1¾ lber. This was the Rich Silver group. High hooks of the week ran from the upper teens to the low 20s and these anglers were Bob Roth, NYPD, Jack Conroy, Carlo Delearnia, Chris Annunziata and John Kanich. Heavy chumming was the key with worms working best, followed by mussel and clam. Action was a little to the east in the deeper holes.

On the **Starstream II** this week, fares enjoyed very strong bottom fishing. Skipper Rich Kessinger said it was mostly ling, with some sea bass and blackfish to 6 lbs. being taken also. A cod took Sunday's pool. Very satisfactory quantities of fish, said the skipper, with also a few blues taken each day.

Lots of flatties landed aboard the **Jennifer B** this week, said skipper Frank Rizzo. Mussel-worm combos worked best and both tides produced action. Mon. AM Pete Papia had a 2 lber., with Andy high hook with 9 fish; Mon.PM, Keith Ladd of Garden City had a flounder of 1 lb. 14 oz. and John Moliterno, Freeport, was high hook with 9. Tues. AM Papia returned for 20 more, while Dick Houlihan took 15, all in one drop. On the PM trip, eight fares had 115 flounder with 30 in the 2 lb. class. Morris Abramowitz bagged a flattie of 3 lb. 4 oz. and Bob Clark of Glen Oaks took the pool with a 2¾ lber. in the AM. Wed. AM Lou Bahn was high hook with 7 including a 2¼ lb. pool fish. Ten fares had 137 flounder on one drop. Wed. PM Jerry Cohen was high hook with 12 including a 2 lb. 5 oz. fish. Thurs. AM Bob Bonaquaro, Plainview was high hook with 15, including the 2 lb. 2 oz. pool fish. Thurs. PM Kevin Collins and Mark Adler tied for the pool with 2¼ lbers. Fri. PM, one drop netted 8 anglers 111 flounder. D. Hool had 16 and Frank V. had a 2 lb. 7 oz. pool winner. Sat. AM John Collins of Wantagh had a 2 lber. and in the PM, Dan Moss a 2½ lber. Six year old Pete

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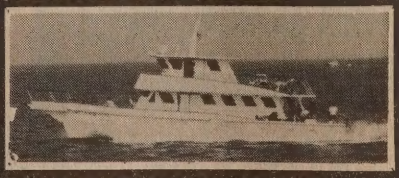

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A call from Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Corsair** told of Saturday's ocean wreck trip for Syska and Hennessy, NYC, with sea bass and a lot of ling taken on a local wreck. Sunday's flounder charter for Seaman's Furniture fished Wantagh and points east with a good steady pick going all day long. Fish were nice size up to 1½ lbs. with a tie for the pool between Chris Waldhof and Gary Katarina.

From Skipper Mike Danon of the **Captain Lou Fleet**, we hear of the terrific flounder fishing Monday on the full day boat. Terry Arthur of Freeport had 46, Young Kim of Plainview 42, Joe Kundrat of Massapequa, 41. The boat had over 1,000 flatties Tuesday, with Lou Piergiorgi and Frank Monsorro bagging 135 themselves. Lou Scharlop had 54, Pat Perulli of Douglaston 57. Fish were very nice size, to 3 lbs. with things slowing later in the week with the moon and strong currents. On the half day boat, a good week was had with high hooks in the 20s, fish to 2½ lbs. Thursday AM with Capt. John McCormack at the wheel, great catches were had. Dave and John Lynopt had 40, Paul Lythe of Jamaica 37, Fred Perrone and Frank Decesare of the Bronx 42, Bob Sanks 31, Joe Jones, 27. All action was local. Mike asked us to announce that mate John Rossi has received his captain's license and will soon be running one of the Capt. Lou fleet boats.

Captain Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** put passengers onto a good week of flounder action with high hooks going into the 20s, fishing local waters with clam working best. Bob G. on Sunday walked off the boat with a 5 lb. bag of delicious fillets.

In nearby **Point Lookout**, the **Miss Point Lookout** called Monday's fishing erratic, but things straightened themselves out quickly. From Tuesday on things were excellent. Tuesday AM Sam Morton had 14, Joe Nemik 14 with John and Mary from Ridgewood totaling 25 flounder including a 2 lb. pool winner. Stan Ackerman of Brentwood had 27. On the PM trip, two hours of fishing produced 175 flatties. Drew Hertner, Bronx, had 24 and Louie of the Bronx had 12. Tom,

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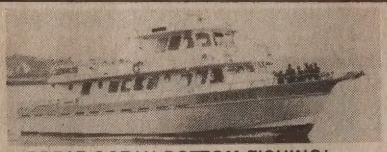

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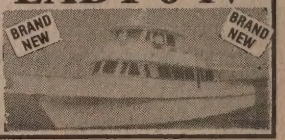

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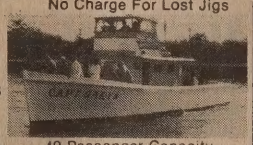

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Harry, John and Dick totaled 44 and Jim Casey 12. Thursday AM Sam Morton returned for 18 more fish as did George Nemik for another 12. Dave Edwards of Baldwin had 8 going 1¼ to 2 lbs. Lou Vaurina of Pelham had 12 plus a 2¼ lb. pool fish. Lou Jianette and Kelly Whalen had 18. Friday AM was super with George and Steve of Oceanside taking 41 flounder, Mike and Lona Smith 25, Dennis Murphy 21 and regular Jerry 15. In the PM Mike Murphy had another 19 plus a 2½ lb. pool fish, while Rich Russel and Paul Zamborn had 21. Fifteen was the score for Rita Bonner. Best action was on worm and clam from Swift to the Wantagh complex. Saturday AM Mary Auletta had a 2½ lber and in the PM Matt and Steve Katz had a 2 lb. pool fish. Sunday was great with over 350 flounder taken. Nine year old Matt Plumer of North Carolina had a 3 lb. 2 oz. flounder. Mike Hoffman had 27. The skipper sees a fabulous week coming up and more to come beyond that.

Ed's Fishing Station tells of a 4 lb. fluke Friday for Ashley Fulton on a 1 ounce white bucktail fished in Reynolds in front of the Station. Dennis Coffey bagged an 8 lb. weak on a mussel bait in Sea Dog Creek Wednesday. Monday saw Frank Nemeth with 17 flounder to 2½ lbs. caught in Fundy Bay. On Sunday, Ed Wreglics, Bellrose, took 40 flounder from 1½ to 2½ lbs. working Sea Dog using bloods, heavy on the mussel chum. The same day Michelle Smith, age 8, bagged a 2 lb. flounder in Reynolds.

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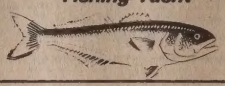

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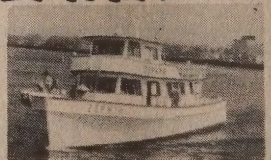

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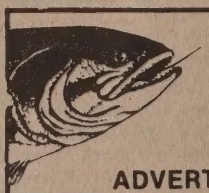

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Clem Esposito, the retired skipper of the Commodore was high hook with 18, followed closely by 17 flounder taken by Tom Rupp. Action was exc ellent all week said the skipper with fish 3/4 to 2½ lbs. The weekend was only fair, with boat traffic being horrendous. Action was from the dock to the Wantagh bridges. The boat has new sailing times, so please see ad for details.

Aboard the charter boat **Marie III** this week, Tuesday's trip for the Tom McKenna group saw excellent flundering in Haunts Creek and at the Jones Beach piers, catches averaging 10 to 20 fish a man. Saturday for the Joe Princivale party it was out to an inshore wreck with 70 percent of the catch ling, 30 percent sea bass and blacks. Eight fares took over 200 fish. Sunday's trip to the ABB offered a slow pick of jumbo flounder including a genuine 3 lber. One drift for fluke resulted in many short fish and just a few keepers.

Captain Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** has had customers loading up on bottom fish on inshore and offshore wrecks. Catches have been mostly ling which incidentally are excellent eating, plus some sea bass and blackfish. On Sunday, 25 3 to 8 lb. cod were also taken, six on Saturday. This has been a nice change of pace for customers, said the skipper, with the big ling and also a few sea flounder and a couple of blues taken on every drop also. The boat will be staying with this excellent bottom fishing until it is genuine bluefish time.

At **Scotty's Fishing Station**, Sunday saw Tom Aguis with a 3 lb. flounder taken at the north side of Pole 17 on worm. On Thursday Sid Steinberg and Ted Kuzgn had 31 flounder to 2 lbs. and a few blues in Swift. Wed. Chester Werle and Will Koerne had 15 fluke working both tides with sand eels in Reynolds. John from Jersey managed 56 nice flounder in Swift Creek on worm and a lot of chum.

Over at **Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook** we hear of an 8 lb. weak caught on a mussel tipped flounder rig Wednesday for Baldwin angler Dennis Coffee, taken in Reynolds. Charlie heard of some fluke action in 25 feet of water off Playland. Reynolds channel flounder has been basically excellent all this past week, he noted.

Captain Ron Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** out of **Atlantic Beach** on Friday noted that the macks were still around but in scattered schools, with blues coming up fast. Jamaica BAy and all along the beaches bluefish have been mixed in with weakfish. Raritan and Jamaica Bays have been holding a lot of small blues right through keeper size. Ron noted that he has a couple of giant tuna dates open for his Montauk trips in July.

Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle in Franklin Square told of Manny Kurz, Mike Sampogna and Tom Wormburner on Monday taking 77 flounder to 2 lbs. in Reynolds on sands between Cement Block and the bridge. Bill Fitz and John Mohan chummed school bass on bellies at the ABB Wednesday up to 9 lbs., all fish being released. Lot of bass around. Bluefish from Sandy Hook to Jones Inlet in 40 to 60 feet of water being trolled and jigged. A couple of keeper fluke taken on spearing in Reynolds.

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Skippy's Tackle in East Rockaway tells of flounder being the best bet this past week all through Reynolds. Fluke reports have started to filter in said Skip with some in Debs and some off Scotty's on sand eels. Good blackfishing at the inlet jetties mixed in with stripers at the bridges on sand worms and a few weaks on bucktails. Blues in the morning and evening at the inlets on trolled diamonds with tubes. Also a few blue claws starting at Bay Park.

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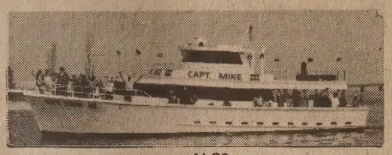

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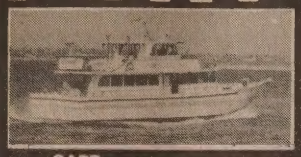

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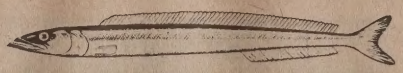

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but action very good on 3 to 5 lb. blues on chunks at the changes of tide. Art has weighed them in up to 7 lbs. Blackfish decent at the abutments on fiddlers and lots of small bass around. A few fluke starting on chunks belonging to bluefishermen. John Angelo and Rick had blackfish of 5½ and 4½ lbs. and 30 flounder from 1 to 1½ lbs. on worms and mussel chum at Silver Hole.

To the west in **Sheepshead Bay**, Skipper Tom Paladino of the **Elsie K III** said he's continuing to get large flounder in the area of the Breezy Point jetty with catches better everyday. Sunday's high hook was 15 wit the fish running from 1½ lbs. on up. Sunday's pool went to John Deluca of Greenpoint with a 3 lb. 4 oz. monster flounder. The pools everyday are around the 3 lb. mark. Tom said the best is right now and he's staying with it.

We hear from the **Pilot II** that Friday's blackfishing was fantastic. Saturday, while not as good saw very decent mixed catches of blacks, ling and sea bass, with roughly 100 fish being sea bass. Captain Tom said Sunday's blackfishing was tough but the Jersey Coast still yielded up decnt catches of sea bass and ling for fares.

Captain Al Coley's **Betty W. III** had been having super bluefishing on both day and evening bluefish trips on jigs, fishing very locally, just 30 minutes from the dock, fish going 2 to 8 lbs.

A call from Captain Fred of the charter boat **Avatar** told of the excellent blackfishing Sat. and Sun. on both local and mid-distant lumps, fish 3 to 5 lbs. on green crab. Excellent floundering outside with lots of sea flounder mixed in. Fred says that this will be the spring for those seeking big trophy stripers.

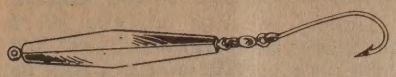
The **Flamingo III** has switched to bluefish on a 6:30AM daily schedule and Capt. Walt says it has started like gangbusters. Fish have been running 3 to 8 lbs. with a lot of the bigger fish and they are spread out in different places such as Highlands, inside Sandy Hook, Raritan Bay and the Can. Lots of catches into the 40s on diamonds.

Captain George's **America** has now switched to fluke and flounder on their two trip a day schedule, while the **America II** has started full day bluefishing with 5PM to midnight trips also on Fridays and Saturdays. See ad for details.

Charlie at **Mike's Bait and Tackle** weighed in a jumbo 9 lb. 9 oz. blackfish Friday for Juan Ramirez of Jersey. Floundering has been fair off the Rockaways said Charlie. Bluefishing has been very good on day trips and late afternoon trips for the party boats on jigs with tails. A few fluke around he noted, with the wrecks yielding ling, sea bass and blackfish. Blues off Manhattan Beach and Coney Island pier for the shorebound.

C&E Marine Services are running a brand new 31 foot Aquasport, now chartering from Sheepshead Bay,

owned and operated by Captain Chuck Camacho. This is a 6-passenger charter boat "rigged to catch," according to the skipper, see ad for full details.



North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

There was a breakout of action on all spring species from west to east, and the weather gods smiled once winds dropped on Saturday. Bluefish appeared in droves in the Peconics while tautog dominated reports on Long Island Sound.

WESTERN SOUND

At **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** there were reports of "terrific" fishing for tautog around Hart's, Huckleberry, and Pea Islands with Matinecock and Larchmont also producing. Best to fish hard bait on both tides in ten to fifteen feet of water. Over three dozen blackfish from three to six pounds were registered once more by **Shorty's Revenge** with Mike DeCuffa and Paul Coslett aboard. Sand worms were still taking flounder here and there.

Billy Wetzel has already registered fourty bass so far at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop.** These are schoolies taken on the west side of Bayville Bridge toward Matinecock Point. John Cacciola makes the point that the Fishermen's Defense Fund is trying to open that beach for a walk from Pryble to Matinecock, so please contribute! The largest tog on shop scales has been eight and three quarter pounds to date. All rocky areas around Crescent Beach, the Webb Institute jetty and Maxwells are worth trying.

Dom Cerbone on the **Apache** called to describe the fishing on his packed packet over the weekend. Some eighty fares per day were averaging a half dozen flatties on trips along the Bayville shore, Center Island and Huntington. Pool fish are tautog to eight pounds with a lot of rats taken as well. From Flushing Bay, the **Reliable** has enjoyed nice fishing and decent crowds as well. Carl Giangrande reported pools taken by tautog over five pounds and flounder mixed with blackfish in 22 to 25 feet of water. Some fishing is on the Connecticut side with Bayville producing as well as Mamaroneck and Larchmont.

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NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Tautog to nine pounds were weighed at **Four Winds** last week and there were reports of school bass all along the beaches. The best of the blackfish angling was south of Buoy 13, Eaton's Neck, in ten feet of water, according to Tom Bowman at **Bowman's**. Some flounder were reported in the Lilco channel and off Morgan's in thirty or more feet of water. For the local bass, Bowman advises small bucktails, jointed Rebels or sand worms.

Nice individual efforts were on the logs at **Greenlawn Sport**. Suzy Wright had a superb two pound, fourteen ounce flounder, while Michael Phillipi took a dozen large flounder inside Lloyds. Joe Cuomo had a dozen tautog from shallow water around Eaton's.

Ralph's Fishing Station in **Mount Sinai** had some good reports off the Shoreham pipe on blackfish as well as in Port Jefferson cove. Baits ranged the full spectrum from hard to soft. Nick Busa and Todd Bentsen had more than two dozen tautog to eleven pounds, according to Fred Laager at **Edelman's** in **Centereach**. Jerry Egan took a half dozen tog from a beach, while Dwight Foster and Eric Morgan teamed up for a couple of dozen nice sized flounder from the mouth of Porpoise Channel on Wednesday.

Fred Mildner of the **Hawkeye** was ecstatic about the run of blackfish now that the pathetic flounder season is over. Mildner, his wife and mate caught and released over three dozen tog to nine pounds eight ounces in just four hours. They were fishing fourty foot depths with best results on fiddler crabs at the end of the ebb and beginning of the flood. Green crabs and sandworms worked as well.

Roy Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** told us that most fares averaged three or four tautog per trip with the median size between three and five pounds. Pools were over eight pounds and the largest fish often took soft baits, clam, mussel and worm. With the pipe being picked clean by Small boats, Cash was fishing against the beach.

Captain John Alberda of **Sound Charters** reported a catch of 45 flounder up to 1½ lbs. and a mess of blackfish to 5 lbs. for Bill Stein and a couple of friends on Sunday. John added that mackerel are now in the harbors and some blues were taken this week NE of the Lilco platform. A reminder that he is now booking late afternoon trips for the summer, with blackfish, bluefish and bass the targets.

NORTH FORK

The Peconics were loaded with bluefish and anglers happily dug in for a blast on fish from two to five

pounds over the weekend. Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** had more than two dozen boats out each day of the weekend, and they took so many blues that releases became common place. Three large porgies were noted around Buoy 30 and one fine catch of weak fish by Pat Macfarlane was also recorded, well away from the boat traffic and away from the blues. Successful weakfish experts had up to four or five tiderunners, when they excaped the blues, and the biggest weak on the scales went eleven and three quarter pounds.

George at **Warren's Tackle Center** in **Aquebogue** said that the greatest concentration of blues lay between the South Race and Jessups. Warren's weighed no weaks over the weekend, but heard that the largest fish in the Peconic Weakfish Tournament run by Riverhead's Sportsmen's Club went thirteen and a quarter pounds. George noted that a couple of his friends had fished all night for a pair of tiderunners between seven and eight pounds.

Ace Cottral at **Pleasures of the Sea** noted bluefish around the brickyard, South Ferry and off the Greenport breakwater as well. The best flounder catch of the week was reported by Tony Loperfido's **Fishalot** on a trip to Tobbacolot. The party had over two dozen flatties to three pounds. Mike Izzo's **Boanne II** had a very few flounder off Eastern Plains Point before switching to blues.

Tautog were in the reports from the **Mattituck Fishing Station**. Maureen Caraftis weighed the largest fish of the year, a twelve pounder taken off the Motel by William Spanos of Springfield, Massachusetts, a first timer! Sea robins were present in droves throughout the Sound area and a couple of blues were also seen.

Ruth White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** noted that granddaughter Heidi Inzerillo is a chip off the old block, fishing off the dock and landing her first blackfish and eels. All the charters were up in the bays fishing for bluefish, and one private boat had a catch of five weak fish taken overnight.

John Rainis is now sailing the **Sea Star** regularly out of Stirling Harbor, while Larry Izzo's **Prime Time III** has been gamely sticking with the skimpy supply of flounder. We saw a pick of fish off Orient on the last of the incoming early last week and the fleet then went looking for flatties off Plum Island, the largest fish of the day off Plum was a two pounder. Catches per fare ranged from two to nine flounder with sizes from a pound to two.

To round out bags at week's end, Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star** tried some bluefish, and his fares seemed delighted. They caught virtually uncountable numbers until they stopped fishing after noon and cleaned fish until three p.m. Brennan notes that these early blues are not bunker fed, but squid fed. They are two to five pounds with little dark meat, prime restaurant quality.

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George Ablas of Astoria had around four dozen and Ron Farkas had a lovely four pound six ounce fluke on a diamond jig.

Larry Porter called to say that the anglers on the night trips with the **Brand X** found the blues thick after dark, too. One of the three night excursions had six weak fish as well with one huge twelve pounder. Sailings are at 7pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Rigs are high hook squid. With the first reports coming in for scup in traps west of Gardiner's, the big boat plans to start Peconic porgy angling this Thursday.

The interior bay is nice and clear this spring with surface temperatures over fifty-three degrees. Off Gardiner's Island, water temperatures has now climbed over fifty.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Bluefish became a factor in the Long Island surf scene this week, with fish reported on the south shore from Breezy Point east to Montauk. Fish also showed up on the north shore with confirmed catches coming from Sunken Meadow and the Rocky Point area. School stripers continue to provide good action the length of the island and the first indications of some bigger fish were reported this week as well.

Out in Montauk Johnny Kronuch reported that the blues showed up from Jones to Scotts on Wednedsday and began mixing with good numbers of school bass. The largest bass checked by Johnny this week was a fish in the 16 to 18 lb. class caught and released by Tommy Seth on a needlefish. Tins and needles continue to take the bass as well as the newly arrived bluefish.

Glen Just and Don Meola of the East End Surf Club trekked to Montauk late last week. They had plenty of bass action after dark on yellow darters with Don clicking with an 18 lb. striper. They reported a good shot of bass and bluefish action before dark on Friday with bass to 5 lbs. and blues from 2 to 5 lbs. After dark, Glen fought a bass which took a yellow needlefish for more than 20 minutes before loosing the fish to straight hooks.

Bluefish from 2 to 5 lbs. were reported on a couple of occasions during the week inside Fire island Inlet, Cedar Beach and the Sore Thumb. Some fish were also reported at Moriches Inlet. John Albanese at **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle** in East Islip reported a lot of blues to 5 lbs. taken by casters Tuesday evening on the north side of the Robert Moses

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bridge. 007 jigs did the most damage.

Joe Augeri of Gateway Striper Club reported lots of small bass from 3 ro 8 lbs. spread through all the west end surf spots. He mentioned the front and back of Breezy Point, the south shore of Staten Island and the Jamaica Bay shore. Lots of bunker massed in the area as well. Best bass action has been on minnow shaped swimmers like RedFins, Bombers, Hellcats and Rebels. Bluefish showed up this past week with some of the fish ranging in the 7 to 9 lb. class. He knew of several such fish taken at Breezy Point on tins, swimming plugs and poppers.

Frank Lallo clued us in on some of this west end action also. He too spoke of plenty of bunker in the area. He reported a 20 lb. striper for Bicycle John at Breezy Point. Pat Thompson had 3 school bass and a 5 lb. blue at Manhattan Beach.

Up on the north shore, Stan Hentschel said that bluefish showed up along local beaches Sunday morning. He knew of blues in the 2 to 3 lb. class taken at the foot of Broadway on tins and poppers. Lots of bass locally on jointed Rebels and Hellcats. John Paduano had a 15 lb. striper from the Smithtown bay shore over the weekend. Bluefish also put in a showing this past week at Sunken Meadow.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

A solid week of action for freshwater fans across the Island. Trout, panfish and bass are all quite active. Quantity rather than quality seems to be the password for all species, save the trout. Surprisingly, bass and

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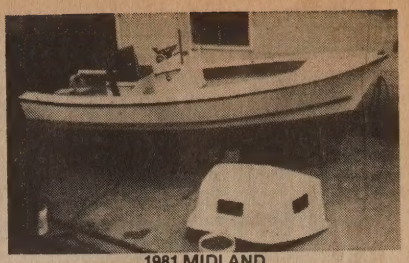

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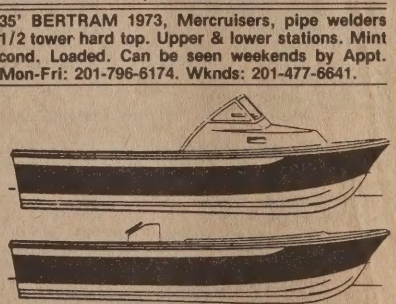

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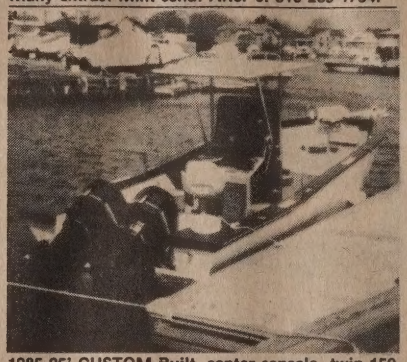

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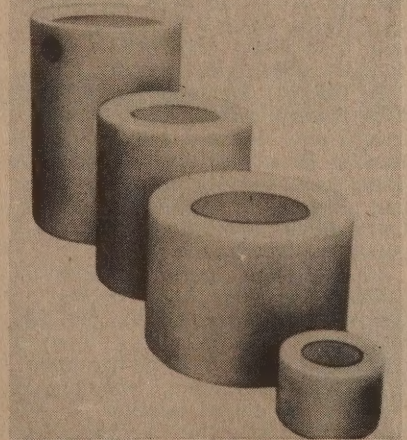

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panfish have not yet begun to bed, raising some concern among the conservation minded that the opening of bass season on June 6th may coincide with the height of the spawn. Hopefully, continued warm temperatures will put the fish on the beds in the next few days.

Freshwater fishing for catfish, bass and pickerel has been quite good over the past week in Smith's Pond and Grant Park according to Bill Beckmann of **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook**. The "small" (north) Hempstead Lake has also produced some good scores. Not many large fish reported, but a lot of action has been the rule. Bass and pickerel are taking live killies, nightcrawlers, and small balsa plugs. The cats are responding to store bought catfish baits.

Fred Mello of **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle, Franklin Square**, reports live killies responsible for a lot of bass and pickerel in Grant Park and Hempstead Lake. Carp fishing has been pretty consistent with most of the fish taken on dough baits fished on the bottom.

From Bobby Turturello of **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**, we learned that anglers are still pounding the southeast shoreline of South Twin Lake. The fishing has held up pretty well, however, as most anglers are practicing catch and release tactics. Bass and pickerel are responding to live killies while the panfish are hitting nightcrawlers. Carp fishing has slacked off considerably.

Over at **Edelman's Sportsman's Center, Centereach**, Fred Laager informs us that Pete Downs caught and released six largemouth bass up to four pounds while fishing on Peconic Lake. Pete worked black leadhead Mr. Twister tails to tempt his fish. Fishing on Lower Lake in Yaphank, Larry Klingman reported catching crappies and bass on worms, Rooster Tails and gold Mepps Spinners. Fred asked me to let our readers know that **Edelman's** now has freshwater licenses on sale.

A lot of catfish, sunnies and yellow perch but bass fishing is still tough. That's the word on the **Lake Ronkonkoma** front according to Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters**. Some of the regulars are taking a few largemouths but this action has been sporadic at best. Those wishing to cash in on the good panfishing should fish nightcrawlers close to the bottom.

At **Peppy's Bait and Tackle, East Islip**, Robert reports that Mike Reehill caught and released a three pound bass in Brookwood Hall Lake. The largemouth fell for a nightcrawler bait. Fishing in Rattlesnake Creek, Larry Boyer connected with a 2.5 pound rainbow trout.

Mike Venuti, park manager at Caleb Smith State Park, reports the past week witnessed on and off days for trout, however, there were a generous number of large fish taken. On Friday afternoon, one angler nailed a 4.5 pound rainbow in Vail Pond. Fishing in the river was also productive with several fish in the eighteen inch to twenty-two inch range reported from beats four, seven and eight.

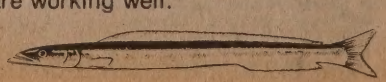
At **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**, Dave Canale reports a lot of nice fish taken in Connetquot Park during the week. Rich Cleland of Bohemia got in on this action, connecting with a four pound brook and a 2.5 pound rainbow trout. Muddlers and Grey Ghost patterns did the trick. Plenty of shorts for those working Bubbles Falls and Rattlesnake Creek and a few largemouth bass caught and released in Cuttings Pond round out Dave's report.

Dennis at **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue**, reports freshwater action a little spotty in the Patchogue area this week. A few bass, pickerel and yellow perch taken in Patchogue Lake but nothing to rave about.

Out at Southaven Park, anglers have been taking a mixed bag of rainbow and brown trout according to Mary Gallo. Largest fish of the week was a nineteen inch brown taken in Hard's Lake on Saturday by Tom Doncedio. No word on the upstream fly fishing.

Warren Geher of **Warren's Archery and Fishing, Selden**, reports action with bass seems to be pretty good right now. Richie B. stopped by the shop this week to tell of a five pound largemouth he caught and released in Blydenburg Park. A Daredevil lure duped this fish. Shop regular Bryan also did well with bass this week, connecting with a four pounder at Upper Yaphank Lake. Bryan also had a nine pound carp at the same location.

From Mrs. Devlin at the **Fisherman's Deli, Riverhead**, we hear that anglers are having a lot of action with small bass and pickerel. Fishing has been consistent with anglers taking several fish each. Plugs and spinners are working well.



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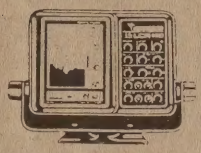

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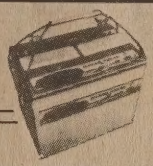

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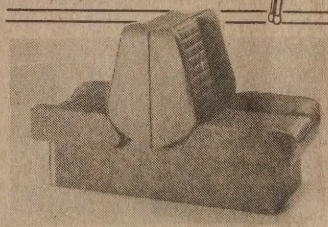

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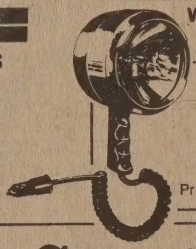

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